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BURCHER

A FAMILY GENEALOGY

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## PREFACE

There is usually a reason or purpose in persuing any project. I have always been interested in the patterns of living during each generation for those early people helped to fashion a culture which continues to enrich my own personal life.

When York County was first settled there were two natural resources here that afforded a livelihood, namely, the land and the waterways. Each of these has been used differently down through the years. Recently I have been particularly interested in the land: who once owned it; how it ~~was~~ used. This called to my mind that vast tract of now woodland; reaching from Surrender Field, just below Yorktown, and extending to Patrick Henry Airport. We call it the "Watershed".

As a child, I frequently attended Grafton Christian Church with my grandmother Fannie Bette Hogg, for my sister and I visited her regularly. Consequently, I saw and was among the people, young and old, who lived on farms in that area before they were required to relocate due to the development of the watershed for the Newport News Waterworks. They worshipped at Grafton Christian Church. Some of the farms were settled for many generations by Moreland, Powell, Burcher, Wood, and Wilson, to name just a few.

Denbigh Boulevard runs right through that once well inhabited farming community and as I travel it, my mind wonders and ponders on how those people once lived contentedly in that large area. Consequently, this summer I have organized in a manner some available material on one family.

Many BURCHERS are my cousins, though I am not a lineal descendant of that family. I have enjoyed this superficial piece of research and have a high regard for all members of the family. BURCHERS are among the earliest settlers of York County and as such, their activities are worthy of recognition along with the other "founding fathers".

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## BURCHER

Members of the Burcher family have been in both York and Warwick Counties since Colonial days. Those in Warwick, for the most part, lived in or near the boundary lines for the two counties, indicating that they may have descended from a common ancestor.

The Court records for Warwick County were burned during the Civil War so are limited in scope. Most of the information on these people used in this manuscript has been found in census and tax records and the Grafton Christian Church Register.

In 1635 Abraham Burcher came to the colony and was among the six immigrants for whom Oliver Spraye received 300 acres in "upper County of New Norfolk". (Cavaliers and Pioneers by Nell Nugent) Nugent's abstracts of land patents and grants further show that one George Burcher received 200 acres in James City County 22 August 1637 and half of this was for the importation of himself and his wife Ann. The other half was for bringing over John Jefferson and Joane Burcher; (no relationship is mentioned). At a later date he was granted an additional 300 acres. All of this land was in James City County but at a time when that county extended on the south side of the James River. The boundaries were: south of Lawnes Creek, north toward the mouth of Hog Island Creek, south toward Chippokes Creek and west toward the James River clearly placing this in present Surry or Isle of Wight County.

There was also a Humphrey Burcher in Henrico County at the same time.

By 1705 there was an established Burcher family living in York County in Charles Parish. (Charles Parish began at Back Creek



and encompassed the present Grafton Magisterial District and extended southward toward Poquoson.) The Charles Parish Register edited by Landon Bell, records Bartholomew Burcher, with two wives, having children baptized in that church.

<sup>1</sup>  
BARTHOLOMEW BURCHER, to have been the father of a child in 1705, evidently married by 1704. Assuming he was of age then, he was probably born around 1680-1683. He died March 9, 1735, having had a large family.

He married 1st, Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ and she died February 20, 1710. He married 2ndly, Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_. His children were:

- <sup>2</sup>  
1. John Burcher born November 1, 1705
- <sup>2</sup>  
2. Ann Burcher born July 29, 1707
- <sup>2</sup>  
3. Bartholomes Burcher born February 11, 1708
- <sup>2</sup>  
4. Sarah Burcher born ca. 1710; died March 17, 1717
- <sup>2</sup>  
5. Dorothy Burcher born August 14, 1717
- <sup>2</sup>  
6. John Burcher, the younger, born January 28, 1719
- <sup>2</sup>  
7. William Burcher born January 19, 1721; d. Sept. 4, 1736
- <sup>2</sup>  
8. Lewis Burcher born January 7, 1723; d. Nov. 17, 1724
- <sup>2</sup>  
9. Sarah Burcher born September 13, 1725
- <sup>2</sup>  
10. Martha Burcher born July 7, 1727

<sup>1</sup>  
Bartholomew Burcher did not leave a will but his inventory dated 1736 is recorded in Yorktown. York Co. Wills & Inventories No. 18 p 303

*It was signed by Dorathia Burcher followed by the names of*

*John Chisman*

*William Robinson*

*Thomas Pessard (these indicate associates & possibly neighbors)*

1. <sup>2</sup>JOHN BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, son of Bartholomew Burcher and his first wife, Elizabeth, was born November 1, 1705. He married Elizabeth Moss, daughter of John Moss (Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup> Moss)<sup>1</sup> before 1736 when Moss wrote his will which confirms this marriage. He died "about 1755" according to a lawsuit over his estate, heard in the July 19, 1756 session of York County Court. In the lawsuit the children are named . Edward Moss, William A. Rogers, and Elizabeth Stroud testified that they heard John Burcher say that he desired his estate to be given to his widow and then later to his children. Someone said that the will "was taken and destroyed" and that John Burcher died "about 1755". (York County Wills and Inventories 1746-59 , page 404)

The inventory for his estate is dated July 19, 1756. He had five blacks; 37 cattle; 26 sheep; 10 hogs; and among the household goods were three beds and thirteen feather beds. This was signed by Elizabeth Burcher. (Ibid. p. 409)

Elizabeth Burcher, along with William Aduston Rogers and Barbara Aduston Rogers, was a witness to Rachael Goodwin's will written September 12, 1748 and probated November 21, 1748. (The Goodwins lived in Goodwin's Neck and the Rogers were in lower Seaford.) This Elizabeth Moss Burcher evidently lived in the same area of the county as did these people and the Mosses, all of whom married among themselves.

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When John Burcher died, three of his children were underage and Dudley Digges was named their guardian by the Court. In the lawsuit his children are given as named:



- (1) John<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1730 (of age in 1755)
- (2) Ann<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1732 (of age in 1755)
- (3) Clary<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1734 (of age in 1755)
- (4) Moss<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1736
- (5) James<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1739
- (6) Mary<sup>3</sup> Burcher born ca. 1741

(These are all approximate birth dates.)

(1) JOHN BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup> Burcher (Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Elizabeth Moss Burcher, was born about 1730 because he was of age in 1755. He married Diana Moss, daughter of Benjamin Moss. He was active in community affairs and Court records show that he, with John Chisman, William Tabb, and Allen Chapman, was named to examine the estate of John Moss, deceased, December 21, 1778. (York Orders No. 4, p. 192) Two years later (April 17, 1780) he assisted William A. Rogers, Allen Chapman, and John Bowen in appraising the estate of John Moreland. (Ibid. p. 264)

These records show his associates.

He supplied 481 pounds of grass beef, 800 bundles of fodder, and 20 bundles of tops (fodder) to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. This is recorded in the General Lists of Claims returned June and October 1782 and signed by M. Cary in charge of the Commissary.

<sup>3</sup>John Burcher heired from his aunt, Amy Moss. According to her will dated 12 June 1771 and probated 18 May 1772 she stated in part: "I give and bequeath to my loving nephew John Burcher all of my estate except my Negroes and slaves which I lend him for life on condition that he not sell or mortgage them. At John's death these slaves, with increase, to Burcher's children and heirs forever-----



But if Burcher dies with no issue----I give (same)  
to James Burcher's children -----

I leave and appoint my nephew John Burcher executor-----"  
Witnesses: Anne Moss

Starkey Armistead

(Her inventory shows that she had five slaves.)

(York County Wills and Inventories No. 22, p. 73)

<sup>3</sup>  
John Burcher, himself, died in 1782 and inventory of his  
estate was returned June 17, 1782. (York Co. W. & I. No. 23, p. 6)  
His widow, Diana Moss Burcher remarried January 29, 1803 to  
Ishmael Gibbons. John and Diana Burcher had these children:

<sup>4</sup>  
A. John Burcher

<sup>4</sup>  
B. James Moss Burcher

Proof of these children is the fact that their grandfather  
Benjamin Moss was appointed their guardian (York Guardians' Accounts)

<sup>4</sup> A. JOHN BURCHER (<sup>3</sup> John, <sup>2</sup> John, <sup>1</sup> Bartholomew Burcher) was  
called "orphan of John Burcher" in 1783. (Guardians' Accounts)  
He was underage and probably born around 1771 based on a statement  
in Amy Moss' will namely: "if John Burcher dies with no  
issue ----". This implies that he then had no children.

He married Elizabeth Garrow, daughter of John and Mary  
Garrow. Given is a part of John Garrow's will:

-----wife Mary; daughter Frances Manson Garrow; son  
William Garrow; ---- I give to my son William Garrow  
Martha Belvin and Mary Dawson 20 shillings each; ----  
my grandson John Burcher ----grand-daughter Mary  
Llewelyn Garrow-----

17 November 1805

16 June 1806

(York W. & I. No. 23, p. 689)

<sup>4</sup>  
John Burcher and his wife, Elizabeth Garrow Burcher, were parties in a lawsuit August 7, 1792 relative to the estate of Robert Hay, a kinsman. (York Deeds No. 7, p. 63) They also gave a deed for two lots in Yorktown to John Hay Bryan dated February 18, 1793. This transaction was also as a result of the same lawsuit.

<sup>4</sup>  
This John Burcher died before the 1810 Census and Elizabeth Burcher gave to the enumerator the information about her family. It shows that there were three children:

- 1 male under 10 years of age
- 1 male between 10 and 16
- 1 female between 10 and 16
- 1 female between 26 and 45

Using this information it appears that:

Elizabeth Garrow Burcher was born between 1765 and 1784 maybe around 1780. She had:

(A) 1 son born between 1794-1800

(B) 1 daughter born between 1794-1800

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) 1 son John Burcher born 1800-1809, more specifically by November 17, 1805 for he was named in his Garrow grandfather's will.

<sup>4</sup>  
The children of this John Burcher would have been contemporaries of the children of William Burcher of York and later of Warwick County. Nothing is known about the two older children, namely, (A) and (B).

(C) <sup>5</sup>JOHN <sup>4</sup>BURCHER <sup>3</sup>(John, John, John, <sup>2</sup>Bartholomew Burcher) <sup>1</sup>

was born by November 17, 1805. In 1836 he made purchases from a local store which indicates that he was furnishing a household. Thomas Griffin, a local merchant, kept an account book (recorded in the settlement of his estate) and John Burcher bought such items as a pine table, bedstead, and-irons, carpet, bucket, plough, points etc.. So, he had a home and a farm. *He married Elizabeth Goodwin Oct 16, 1835 York issue marriage Bond*

<sup>4</sup>This completes the information on ~~these two sons of~~ John Burcher.

The disposition of land and slaves usually give excellent clues to family relationships. The Burchers evidently rented or resided on family plantations and farms. The Mosses, Strouds, and Garrows each held much land as shown by York County deeds. The earliest land tax returns are 1782 and one finds a LUCY BURCHER paying taxes on 40 acres that year and several years thereafter.

*John + Elizabeth Burcher evidently had a daughter*

*Not placed:*

*"Bremer Shield, gave license to my son John Burcher to marry Miss Elizabeth Goodwin, Signed William Bremer, Oct 16, 1835"*

*(Evidently son John was underage for father's permission to marry. so b. ca 1817-1815.) T.H.*



<sup>4</sup>  
B. JAMES MOSS BURCHER, the second son of James <sup>3</sup>Burcher and his wife Diana Moss Burcher, was born around 1772-3. He also married a Miss Moss, daughter of Benjamin and Jane Moss, before October 10, 1791 for on that date Moss wrote his will in which he named Burcher as his "son-in-law". Also John <sup>4</sup>Burcher and this James Moss Burcher, as brothers, gave bond for executing this will. (York Wills and Inventories No. 23, p. 252)

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After 1827 nothing more is definitely known about James <sup>4</sup>Moss Burcher or a family for him.

(2) <sup>3</sup>ANN BURCHER <sup>2</sup>, daughter of John Burcher (Bartholomew <sup>1</sup>Burcher) and his wife Elizabeth Moss Burcher, was of age in 1755. She was probably born about 1732. She married John Hay of York County during her father's lifetime and when a lawsuit was instituted relative to his estate she and her husband were participants.

John Hay left a will probated January 15, 1778 in which his wife Ann and son Robert Hay were named executors. There was also a daughter Ann Hay. But this son lived only another year and

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Burcher and considered his nephew (already written about) lived and had children as late as 1805, <sup>(following)</sup> this John Burcher <sup>3</sup> is assumed to be a son of James Burcher and will be treated as such.

<sup>4</sup> JOHN BURCHER <sup>3</sup>, probably a son of James Burcher and his wife (name unknown), was in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He died in service and his widow, LUCY BURCHER appealed to the York County Court for assistance June 1778; and again in June 1779. She was given a small allowance. (York County Orders No. 4 p. 163; 218) No child support was requested; no <sup>4</sup> children have been identified with John and Lucy Burcher.

During the War of 1812 record shows that HAYS/HAYES BURCHER was a private in the 68th Regiment and served under Lt. Robert McCandlish and also under Philmore Clarke. He saw active duty August 12 to September 2, 1814 and from November 1 to December 3 the same year. During that period the British were in Hampton Roads and York River and Yorktown itself, incurred damages.

The name Hay/Hays/Hayes definitely links him to the <sup>2</sup> John Burcher and John Hay intermarriage into the Burcher family. His parentage is not stated in York records, nor does one find anything more about him in York County.

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<sup>1</sup> Only one other male child of Bartholomew Burcher survived, namely: 6. <sup>2</sup> JOHN BURCHER (THE YOUNGER) born January 28, 1719.

<sup>2</sup> (BARTHOLOMEW BURCHER born 1708, disappeared from local records.)

<sup>2</sup> There is no information on this younger John Burcher. One wonders if this name should not have been James instead of a second child being named John. The older brother <sup>2</sup> John was still living at the time.



PART II. YORK COUNTY BURCHERS (Continued)

<sup>1</sup>  
JAMES BURCHER, born about 1720, is of the same time frame as the children of Bartholomew Burcher, but his birth is not recorded in the Charles Parish Register. One may wonder if the second (or "younger") John Burcher who was born January 28, 1719 should not have been JAMES instead. There is nothing to prove or disprove this speculation, so <sup>1</sup>James Burcher will be treated as a first generation also.

<sup>1</sup>  
JAMES BURCHER, born around 1720, was married by 1742 to MARTHA (maiden name unknown) and they registered the birth of a child in 1743. (If he was 23 by the time this child was born, then 1720 would be an approximate birthdate for him.) Martha Burcher died August 23, 1748 and he married secondly, ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ .

Inventory for James Burcher was recorded in York County June 18, 1759. (York Wills and Inventories 1746-59, p. 509;517) And Edward Cross, Joseph Hopkins, and Thomas Chisman appraised the estate. (These appraisers lived "farther down the county" than the Mosses and Goodwins, placing this James Burcher nearer the present Tabb area.) He farmed a small tract of land and had a medium amount of livestock.

<sup>1</sup>  
Children born to James Burcher (with two wives) were:

- <sup>2</sup>  
1. Mary Burcher born December 26, bapt. March 11, 1743
- <sup>2</sup>  
2. Sarah Burcher born Sept. 5, 1747; died Oct. 19, 1748
- <sup>2</sup>  
3. Lewis Burcher born July 7, 1750
- <sup>2</sup>  
4. James Burcher born ca. 1752
- <sup>2</sup>  
5. William Burcher born October 16, 1755

<sup>1</sup>  
The settlement for the estate of James Burcher was not completed until January 16, 1764. (York W. & I. No. 21, p. 174)

1. <sup>2</sup>MARY BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, daughter of James Burcher and Martha Burcher, his first wife, was born December 26, and baptized March 11, 1743, is of little importance to this manuscript. Had she lived and married her name would have been changed.

2. <sup>2</sup>SARAH BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, daughter of James Burcher and Martha his wife, was born September 15, 1747 and she died October 19, 1748. (Charles Parish Register.)

3. <sup>2</sup>LEWIS BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, son of James Burcher and his second wife Elizabeth Burcher, was born July 7, 1750.

There is nothing more on the York records about him. Since the name Lewis was rather widely used among the Warwick County Burchers, one wonders if he might be the progenitor of that branch of the family. To have been the father of William<sup>1</sup> Burcher of Warwick would imply that he married at a rather young age, yet possible.

4. <sup>2</sup>JAMES BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, born around 1752, was not registered in the church record. However, evidence points strongly to his having been a son of James Burcher.

A York Court record shows that with the consent of his mother (not named) he began an apprenticeship with John C. Ginter March 10, 1766 to learn the trade of a tailor. The terms of the contract forbade his marrying during the learning period.

Later there was a James Burcher with wife LUCY BURCHER living in Charles Parish and married by 1774. The Charles Parish Register shows: "William Burcher, son of James and Lucy Burcher, born February 22, 1775",

<sup>1</sup>James Burcher died in 1759 and it was in 1766 that his wife made the contract for their son to learn a trade.

<sup>James<sup>2</sup></sup>  
~~John~~ Burcher <sup>3</sup> died before 1782 because Lucy Burcher paid  
taxes on 40 acres of land in 1782, 1783, and 1784. She, herself,  
died by May 17, 1786 when the inventory for her estate was re-  
turned to York County Court. (York W. & I. No. 23, p. 115)

<sup>2</sup>  
James Burcher and his wife Lucy had one son whose birth  
was registered and probably another, namely:

- <sup>3</sup>  
A. William Burcher born February 22, 1775
- <sup>3</sup>  
B. Edward Burcher

A. <sup>3</sup>WILLIAM BURCHER, son of James <sup>2</sup>(James) and Lucy Bur-  
cher was born February 22, 1775. <sup>1</sup>He probably was the William Burcher Sr.  
who made a modest purchase at the estate sale of James Burcher in  
December 1832. He would have been 57 years old; Grafton Christian  
Church Record indicated that William Burcher died December 1, 1841.

Meanwhile, William Burcher, Jr. bought extensively from  
that sale indicating the need for furniture and household supplies.  
(It appears that he was setting up house-keeping since he bought  
the "first choice" of such items as bed, quilts, chairs, etc., even  
kitchen ware.)

<sup>3</sup>  
This William Burcher qualified in York County Court to set-  
tle the estate of "his late son" beginning 21 March 1831 and his  
securities were Edward Burcher and William Burcher. (Orders No. 12  
p. 210) The settlement was returned January 1834. (Ibid. p. 281)  
This "late son" was another JAMES BURCHER. In studying this estate  
settlement it appears that William Burcher had two sons:

- <sup>4</sup>  
(A) James Burcher
- <sup>4</sup>  
(B) William Burcher Jr. born around 1804.

(C)





(Note: This seems an appropriate time to interject some personal comments. In reviewing the settlement of an estate sale many interesting facts become apparent. Among the items purchased by WILLIAM BURCHER, SENIOR were thirteen shoats for \$13.00, but he also paid \$5.00 for all of the "hogs in the woods". My mother (born 1892) told me many interesting tales of people who lived during her childhood and of stories handed down by her elders. "Up in the Big Woods" the people had hogs that lived wild and free in the forests. They foraged for acorns, roots, and wild vegetation. People lived frugally and took advantage of opportunities offered by nature. Some owners "marked" their swine while others relied on the herding instinct to keep their stock together. I would guess that James<sup>4</sup> Burcher lived in that area of the "Big Woods" (York-Warwick woods).

Among the persons attending that sale were: Nathaniel Fletcher,\* Edmund Powell, Meade Wood, Thomas Patrick, Edward Moreland, John Curtis, William Wood, Thomas Hogg Jr-----all of whom lived in the middle section of York County between Yorkhampton Road and Warwick Courthouse. The Gibbsses likewise lived in that area--near present Rich Neck Road.)

This concludes information on James<sup>4</sup> Burcher.

(\* Nathaniel Fletcher was the second husband of Elizabeth Pescud McWilliams and he was step-father to Mary Elizabeth (Bett) McWilliams Lindsay, my great-great grandmother. They lived on Oriana Road at what became later known as Wade's Farm, though it was originally the Pescud Plantation. I know the area well and do visit the family graveyard. T.H.)



(B) <sup>4</sup>WILLIAM BURCHER, JR. so written in the Court records, was evidently, a son of <sup>3</sup>William Burcher Sr.. He was born 1804 (1850 census for York County). His wife was Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_, born 1812 (census). They had these children:

- a. <sup>5</sup>Elizabeth Burcher born 1830; June 1844 (church record)
- b. <sup>5</sup>John Burcher born 1837
- c. <sup>5</sup>William Burcher born 1847

Their neighbors were John Buchanan, John Chandler, and Ben Spenser. Nothing more is known about these people.

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Concerning the other son (?) of James <sup>2</sup> and Lucy Burcher, because of his association with William <sup>3</sup> Burcher, their known son, this has been learned:

B. <sup>3</sup>EDWARD BURCHER, thought to be the son of James <sup>2</sup> and Lucy Burcher, was born in late 18th century or early 1800's. When William <sup>3</sup> Burcher qualified to settle his son's estate in 1831, Edward Burcher was his security. (He could have been another son of William <sup>3</sup> or perhaps a brother as suggested here.)

There is no record of a marriage for Edward <sup>3</sup> Burcher (James <sup>2</sup>, James <sup>1</sup>) but Grafton Christian Church Register 1834-1861 gives the roster of members. Included are Edward Burcher, Edward Burcher Jr. and Sarah Russell Burcher. Listed a second time, is the name Sarah Russell with note indicating her name change to BURCHER.

Edward Burcher was named the guardian of Sarah Russell, orphan of Sheldon Russell, in 1831. One frequently finds among York County records instances when men married the young women whose estates they were legally managing, Sarah Russell became Sarah Burcher and was probably the wife of Edward Burcher. Assuming this, that they were married soon after 1831, they probably were the parents of Edward Burcher Jr. who was baptized 11 August 1855.



(The York 1860 and 1870 census could clear this, but the nearest available film is in the Virginia State Library in Richmond.)

Concluding the lineage of James Burcher, son of James Burcher, several male descendants are not traced. Further information about them seems non-existent in early York records. Some could have died issueless; others could have moved away in the westward expansion or elsewhere.

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5. <sup>2</sup>WILLIAM BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, the youngest child of James Burcher and his second wife, Elizabeth Burcher, was born October 16, 1755. (Charles Parish Register) He could have been the progenitor of the Warwick County branch of the Burcher family.

During the same time that the James Burcher (who was born ca. 1720 and died 1759) lived in York County, there was a Robert H. Burcher<sup>1</sup>. This last named person was a plaintiff in a case against John Slaughter in York County Court August 19, 1748. The parties "didn't show" and the case was dismissed.

This concluded the research on the early members of the Burcher family in York County as undertaken by this one individual.

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PART III. WARWICK COUNTY BURCHERS

As noted elsewhere, because Warwick County records burned, census and tax lists have been used to trace the Warwick County branch of the Burcher family, in this manuscript. Also Grafton Christian Church Register was helpful. There were two (or more) Burcher intermarriages into my own family lines which have been traced in books written by my late mother, Elizabeth Hogg Ironmonger. References from these are credited to her. Hence, the lines are incomplete.

<sup>1</sup>  
WILLIAM BURCHER and his wife Elizabeth Burcher sold a 47 acre tract of land in Charles Parish, York County to Robert Sheild October 17, 1803. (Robert Sheild lived on Poquoson River near the present Piney Point development.) (York Co. Deed Book 7, p, 444) Then by 1810 they were in Warwick County. They established their home very near the Warwick-York boundary line so that their residence was in Warwick but their activities were focused toward York.

<sup>1</sup>  
WILLIAM BURCHER, according to the 1810 census, was living in Warwick County and he had a family of seven children by then. The record states that there were:

- 3 males under age 3
- 1 male age 25-45
- 1 female under age 10
- 2 females age 16-25
- 1 female age 25-45
- 1 female age 45 and over (probably a mother or in-law)

From the 1820 census the report shows:

- 3 males under age 10
- 1 male age 10-16
- 1 male age 45 and over
- 1 female age 10-16
- 1 female age 45 and over

Using this information, a family chart would look like this:

<sup>1</sup> WILLIAM BURCHER born by 1765 (maybe October 16, 1755?) married about 1793					
1. daughter b. 1795 probably married or dead by 1820	2 daughter b. 1797	3. son b. 1799- 1800	4. son b. 1801	5. son b. 1804	6. son b. 1806
7. daughter b. 1808	8. son b. 1811	9. son b. 1814/15	10. son b. 1818		

<sup>1</sup>  
WILLIAM BURCHER born by 1765 or earlier (note his wife's age in 1850 census). The Charles Parish Register shows "William Burcher, son of James and Elizabeth Burcher, was born October 16, 1755" and this seems consistent since census records have a "wide margin of error". (People did not always tell their exact age.) However, William will be treated as a first generation in this manuscript. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ by 1793, assuming he was age 25 years old then. (The deed in <sup>York</sup> D.B.7, p. 444 probably gives the wife's father's name, but being on microfilm and very pale, I did not try to read it. T.H.)\*

The 1840 census records that he was between 70 and 80 years old. (Note: he was still living, but he was deceased before 1850 census.) His wife was living and one child was in the home then. (It was a daughter, unmarried.)

\* I searched to learn if the 40 A. held by James<sup>2</sup> & Lucy Burcher & this 47 acre tract were the same. I was able to read that the 47 acres had come to William & Elizabeth Burcher from her family. I believe her father's name is on that document & I think it was Harwood. A family member, really interested, can easily verify this. My eye sight now does not permit me to read photo film well. T.H.



Elizabeth Burcher, his wife, was born 1768. She was reported in each census and in 1850 she was living with a son, Edward Burcher. She gave her age then as 82 years.

Apparently WILLIAM BURCHER and his wife Elizabeth had:

1. A daughter born 1795, probably married or dead by 1820
2. A daughter born 1797
3. William<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1799-1800 (age 60 in 1860 census)
4. Edward<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1801
5. A son born 1804
6. James<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1806
7. Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1808
8. Lewis<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1811
9. John<sup>2</sup> Burcher born 1814-15 (1860 census)
10. A son born 1818

Nothing is known about the daughter of William<sup>1</sup> Burcher and his wife Elizabeth Burcher.

3. WILLIAM BURCHER<sup>2</sup>, oldest son of William<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth Burcher, was 60 years old when the 1860 census was taken. So, he was born 1799-1800. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ by 1835. She was also called "Betsy W." and she was born 1810-1812 according to the census. In 1870 he was deceased, but "Betsy" was 60 years old and son William, age 22 years, was living at that home. (Family #44)

This family lived evidently near the York County line in the area between present day Denigh Boulevard and Fort Eustis Boulevard. Their neighbors were: family # 41 John Burcher; # 42 John Fox; # 45 Edmund Powell; #46 Fred Burcher; #47 James G. Burcher; # 48 Lewis Burcher; # 49 James and Lucy Powell etc.. The proximity of these families tends to tie them together.

<sup>2</sup>  
William Burcher and his wife Betsy Burcher were married by 1835 and they had at least three children:

- (1) <sup>3</sup>Edward Burcher born 1837
- (2) <sup>2</sup>John Burcher born 1838
- (3) <sup>3</sup>William Burcher born 1848

(1) <sup>3</sup>EDWARD BURCHER, son of William <sup>2</sup>Burcher and his wife Betsy, was born 1837. He married Mary \_\_\_\_\_ who was born 1840. Being only 23 years old when 1860 census was taken, they were probably only recently married. Living in their household were William Lee age 20 years; Eddie Lee age 18; Lella Lee age 15; and Frances Lee age 12. One might wonder if Mary Burcher was a Lee and if these were her siblings. They were not given in later census; nothing more is known about them.

(2) <sup>3</sup>JOHN BURCHER, son of William <sup>2</sup>Burcher (William <sup>1</sup>Burcher) and his wife Betsy Burcher, was born 1838. (1860 census) He was called "John Jr." in 1870 census, probably to distinguish him from another related John Burcher. In 1870 no wife was listed so assumed dead, and a domestic person lived in his home. Two children were given in his family; however, some years later, he had married secondly Corline <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, born 1849 and they had a daughter. So, William Burcher (William <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>) had three children:

SHOULD THIS  
BE JOHN?

- <sup>4</sup>A. William Burcher born 1862
- <sup>4</sup>B. John Burcher born 1867
- <sup>4</sup>C. India Burcher born November 1879 (1880 census)

(3) <sup>3</sup>WILLIAM BURCHER, son of William <sup>2</sup>(William <sup>1</sup>) Burcher and his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Burcher, was born 1848-49 (1860 census) He was a single man in 1870 but evidently married the next year to Catherine <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. She was born 1848-49 and in 1880

they had two children:

A. Lee<sup>4</sup> Burcher born 1872 (1880 census)

B. Mary V.<sup>4</sup> Burcher born 1877

<sup>3</sup>William Burcher was a farmer and this family lived in Denbigh Magisterial District of Warwick County.

This concluded information on the line of <sup>2</sup>William Burcher ,  
<sup>1</sup>son of William Burcher and Elizabeth Burcher.





A. Lunette Walker born 1853

B. Larrah (Laura) Walker born 1855

This family was living in the Burcher household when the 1860 census was taken.

Martin Walker served in the Civil War and he died in action at Sharpsburg September 16, 1862. (Who Was Who "Roster of Ex-Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of Warwick County" by Vollertsen )

A. <sup>4</sup>LUNETTE WALKER<sup>3</sup>, daughter of Frances Burcher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Walker and her husband, Martin Walker, was born 1853. She married Thomas Cary Lindsay December 11, 1879. He was a son of William J. Lindsay and his wife Ann Elliott Lindsay; he was born January 20, 1855.

They had one son, John (Johnnie) Lindsay born November 3, 1881. Lunette Walker Lindsay died November 18, 1881.

Thomas C. Lindsay married secondly, Sarah Ann Wainwright June 10, 1885 and they had ten children. So, <sup>5</sup>JOHNNIE LINDSAY was a part of a large family. He was reared in York County, but he spent his later years in Norfolk. He never married.

(Thomas C. Lindsay was my great-grandmother's half brother and the Lindsay family has been traced and is in manuscript form, compiled by my mother, Elizabeth (Bessie) Hogg Ironmonger. T.H.)

B. LARRAH (LAURA) WALKER, the other child of Frances Burcher Walker and her husband, Martin Walker, was born 1855. No research has been undertaken on her.

James<sup>3</sup> Gardener Burcher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 1833-34 (1850; 1870; 1880 census)  
m. abt 1865-66

Ann Powell b. 1843; d. before 1880  
m. 2ndly, Frances Jeannette Shield  
after 1880

1. Arthur <sup>4</sup> E. Burcher b. 1867	2. Maggie <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1868	3. Annie <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1871	4. James Russel Burcher b. 1874
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5. William <sup>4</sup> L Burcher b. 1877	6. Shep <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. died childhood	7. Frances <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1890	8. Margaret <sup>4</sup> Burcher b	9. Ida <sup>4</sup> Burcher b.
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(2)<sup>3</sup>JAMES GARDINER BURCHER, oldest son of Edward<sup>2</sup> (William<sup>1</sup>)

Burcher and his wife Frances (Fannie) Burcher, was born 1833-34. He and Louisanna Ann Powell were married about 1865/66. She was a daughter of Edmund T. Powell and his wife Ann Powell. (1860 census for Warwick) She was born 1843-44 and died before the 1880 census was taken. The Powell family was a neighbor of the Burchers.

<sup>3</sup>James Gardiner Burcher married secondly Frances Jeannette (Jennie) Shield, daughter of William (Bill) Peter Shæld and his wife Sarah Dawson Shield of York County.

<sup>3</sup>James G. Burcher, called "Jimmie", was a member of Grafton Christian Church and was baptized April 1852. He served in the Civil War as a private and was present at the surrender at Appomattox April 9, 1865. He was mustered into service May 27, 1861 in Warwick County in Beauregarde's Company H., 32nd Virginia Infantry. This record was found in "Soldiers and Sailors, Roster of Ex-Confederate Soldiers and Sailors" in Who Was Who, Warwick County 1786 - 1880 by Vollertsen.

He died \_\_\_\_\_

Children by the first wife were:

<sup>4</sup>A. Arthur E. Burcher born 1867

<sup>4</sup>B. Margaret (Maggie) Burcher born 1868

<sup>4</sup>C. Annie Elizabeth Burcher born February 14, 1871

<sup>4</sup>D. James Russell Burcher born 1874

<sup>4</sup>E. William Lee Burcher born 1877

Children by the second wife were:

<sup>4</sup>F. Shepherd (Shep) Burcher born -----

<sup>4</sup>G. Frances (Fannie) Burcher born October 30, 1890

<sup>4</sup>H. Margaret (Maggie) Burcher

<sup>4</sup>I. Ida Burcher



- (C) Mary Lena<sup>5</sup> Hogge born 1900  
(D) Louise<sup>5</sup> Hogge born 1903  
(E) Edna<sup>5</sup> Hogge born 1905  
(F) Thelma<sup>5</sup> Hogge born 1909  
(G) Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Hogge born May 13, 1913  
(H) and (I) died in infancy

For more on these people see Hogg Family of York and Gloucester Counties by Elizabeth H. Ironmonger pp. 443-444.

D. <sup>4</sup>JAMES RUSSELL BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of James Gardiner Burcher<sup>3</sup>  
(Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his first wife Ann Powell Burcher, was  
born 1874 and he died in 1948 at age 74 years. He was buried in  
Grafton Christian Church Cemetery and his obituary in Newport  
News Daily Press gave his parentage and the names of surviving  
brothers and sisters. He never married.

E. <sup>4</sup>WILLIAM LEE BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of James Gardiner Burcher<sup>3</sup>  
(Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his first wife Ann Powell, was born 1877  
and he lived in Howardsville. He died January 10, 1958 at age  
81 years and was survived by his wife Lena Baird Burcher; a dau-  
ghter, Mrs. Thomas L. Boggs of Hampton; and four sons: Clyde G.  
Burcher of Newport News, Earl Burcher of Manteo, N.C., William  
Lee Burcher Jr. of Howardsville, and Garland Burcher of Florida.  
(Obituary in Daily Press, Newport News, Va.)

F. <sup>\$</sup>SHEPHERD (SHEP) BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of James Gardiner Bur-  
cher and his second wife, Jenette (Jennie) Shield Burcher, was  
born and died in childhood.



G. <sup>4</sup>FRANCES (FANNIE) BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, daughter of James Gardiner Burcher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his second wife Jeanette (Jennie) Shield Burcher, was born October 30, 1890 and she died January 26, 1973. (Obituary) She is interred in the Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News. She married first Joseph Hogg and secondly, Joel Frank Westcott. She had four children:

- (A) Margaret Marie Hogg<sup>5</sup>
- (B) Edward<sup>5</sup> Westcott
- (C) Lawrence<sup>5</sup> O. Westcott
- (D) Lila<sup>5</sup> Westcott

(A) <sup>5</sup>MARGARET MARIE HOGG born March 4, 1908, married Raymond S. Forrest and they had five children:

- a. Raymond<sup>6</sup> Spencer Forrest Jr.
- b. Carlton<sup>6</sup> P. Forrest
- c. Marshall<sup>6</sup> Burcher Forrest
- d. Jacquelin<sup>6</sup> Forrest
- f. Mary Virginia<sup>6</sup> Forrest

All of these are married and have families. Marie<sup>5</sup> Forrest died June 1, 1982.

(B) <sup>5</sup>EDWARD WESTCOTT married Katherine Crockett and they have two sons and a daughter. These are married and have families.

(C) <sup>5</sup>LAWRENCE O. WESTCOTT married Rose Wornom and they have three children. Lawrence<sup>5</sup> Westcott died May 13, 1980 at age 62 years.

(D) <sup>5</sup>LILA WESTCOTT married Raymond Shockley and this family lives in Richmond.

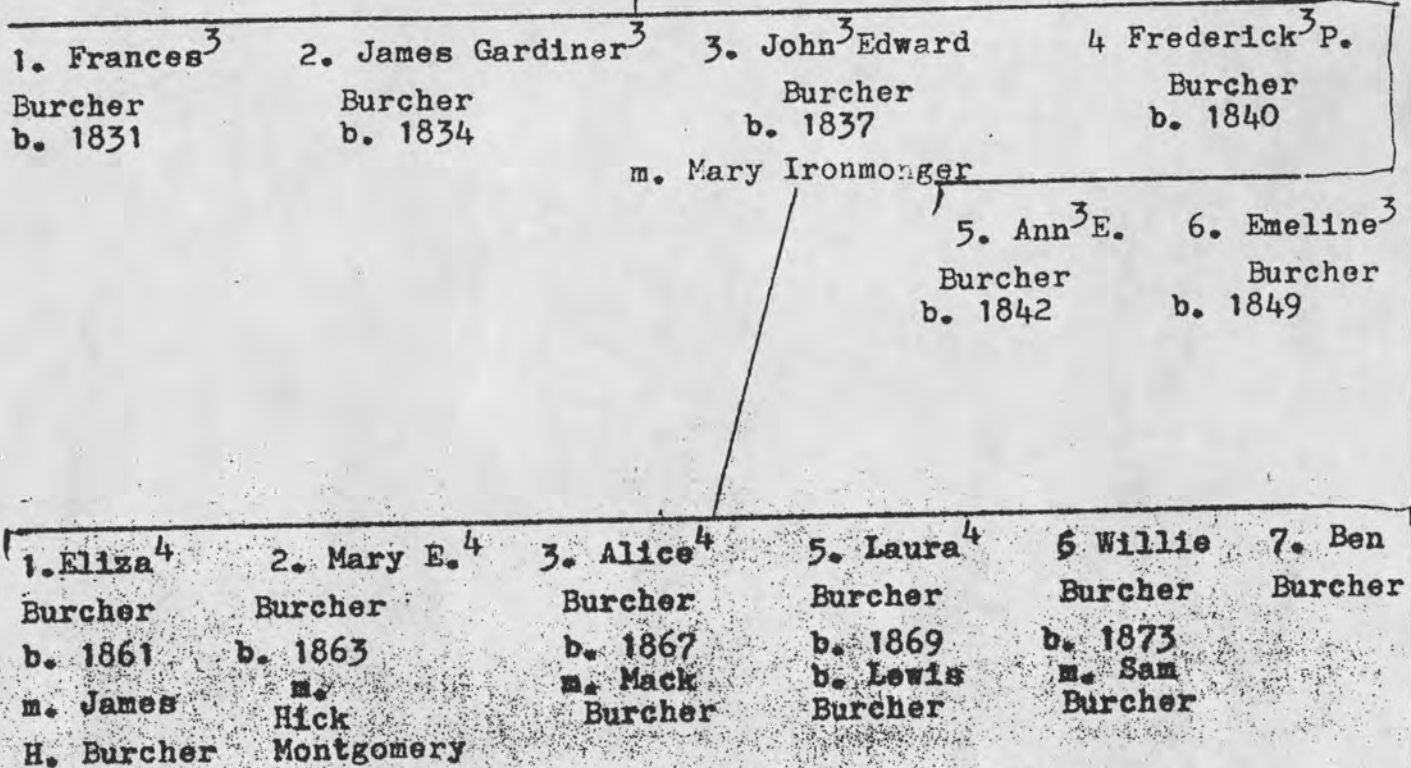
H. <sup>4</sup>MARGARET (MAGGIE) BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, daughter of James Gardiner Burcher and his second wife Jeannette (Jennie) Shield Burcher, married Mr. Garrett and they lived in Camden, New Jersey many years. Following his death, she returned to York County. She married secondly, Baker Hansford May 18, 1944. She died April 19, 1946 and was buried in the Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Seaford. She had no children.

I. <sup>4</sup>IDA BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, daughter of James Gardiner Burcher and his wife Jennie Shield Burcher, married George Parker, She died before 1946 when her brother James Russell Burcher's obituary was carried in the Daily Press; she was not among the survivors.

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Dr. Edmund T. Bennett of York County wrote his will March 19, 1881 (probated January 3, 1884) and he left his portion of land jointly owned by him and JAMES G. BURCHER to Thomas Wood, his nephew. This was called the "Jones Tract" and was situated in Warwick County. No acreage was given.

This concludes this discourse on the lineage of <sup>3</sup>JAMES GARDINER BURCHER through his two wives.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Burcher (William<sup>1</sup>)  
b. 1801 d. 1855  
m. abt. 1830  
Frances  
b. 1807-8 in York Co.  
d. 1872





(3) <sup>3</sup>JOHN EDWARD BURCHER<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>the third child and the second son of Edward Burcher (William ) and his wife Frances Burcher, was born 1837. He was recorded in 1860 census in Warwick County. He was called "Ned". He had three wives, namely, Eliza Ironmonger, Mary Ironmonger (born November 22, 1836), and Carrie M. \_\_\_\_\_. The first two wives were sisters and daughters of James Ironmonger of Seaford. His children were by the second wife who died December 9, 1881. He was survived by the third wife, Carrie M. <sup>Burcher B65</sup> who administered his estate, the date being April 27, 1908. (York Will Book 16, p. 456) As his widow, she inherited one third of the estate and the five daughters heired the remainder.

He was a member of Grafton Christian Church and was baptized August 1855. He was buried there, in the area directly across the Brick Church Road from the Grafton Christian Church. At one time Grafton Baptist Church site was there and the early graveyard was around that church. It has been said that Mr. Ned Burcher was the last person buried in that area. (As a child, I well remember that grave, enclosed by a picket fence, with flowers growing around it. When the parking lot for the present Garrison Building was cleared, that grave was disturbed, but later this was corrected. The grave remains unmarked and practically unseen. T.H.)

The NED BURCHER family lived many years in Seaford. He had a thirty acre farm located on Shallop's Creek, off Back Creek. In 1909 it was bought by his son-in-law Hickerson (Hick) Montgomery and for many years a grandson, Ollie Montgomery lived there. At present a great grandson Roland Montgomery lives there, but the original house is gone. (I was in that old house many times.T.H.)

Children of John Edward<sup>3</sup> (Ned) Burcher and his wife Mary

Ironmonger Burcher were:

- A. Eliza<sup>4</sup> Ann Burcher born March 4, 1861
- B. Mary<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Burcher born November 15, 1863
- C. Alice<sup>4</sup> Burcher born January 8, 1867
- D. Laura<sup>4</sup> Virginia Burcher born September 1, 1869
- E. Willie<sup>4</sup> Lee Burcher born September 5, 1873
- F. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> F. Burcher born May 1, 1876; died in childhood

(Births from Mr. Burcher's Family Bible)

A. ELIZA ANN BURCHER<sup>4</sup>, oldest daughter of John Edward Bur-  
cher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher, was  
born March 4, 1861. She married James H. Burcher December 1, 1878.  
He was a son of Lewis<sup>2</sup> Burcher and his wife Susan Burcher. They  
had two children:

- (A) Clifton<sup>5</sup> L. Burcher born May 23, 1881
- (B) Mary Ellen<sup>5</sup> Burcher born April 11, 1887

Eliza<sup>4</sup> Ann Burcher died March 24, 1922 and James H. Burcher  
died. They are buried at Grafton Christian Church  
Cemetery.

(A) CLIFTON L. BURCHER<sup>5</sup>, son of Eliza Ann Burcher and her  
husband James (Jimmy) H. Burcher, was born May 23, 1881. He mar-  
ried Laura Wood December 28, 1910. She was the daughter of Simon  
P. Wood and his wife Willy J. Burcher Wood, so they were distant  
cousins. Their children are given:

- a. Lena<sup>6</sup> Burcher born June 13, 1911
- b. Robert<sup>6</sup> Burcher born September 18, 1914
- c. Mazie<sup>6</sup> Burcher born March 23, 1920

d. JAMES BURCHER  
e. GEORGE BURCHER HARRIS

(B) <sup>5</sup>MARY ELLEN BURCHER<sup>4</sup>, daughter of Eliza Ann Burcher and her husband James (Jimmy) H. Burcher, was born April 11, 1887. She married Robert Fred Wood December 22, 1905. They lived in the village of Grafton. Their children are given:

- a. <sup>6</sup>Waverley M. Wood born March 4, 1907; lived in Hampton
- b. <sup>6</sup>Bessie Wood born January 22, 1911; died Sept. 12, 1940
- c. <sup>6</sup>James S. Wood born January 7, 1917; died January 5, 1978
- d. <sup>6</sup>Milbern F. Wood born January 6, 1920
- e. <sup>6</sup>Robert Randolph Wood born 12/12 married Loraine Shields

Fred Wood, born June 10, 1887, died March 25, 1962 and Ellen Wood died November 21, 1972. Her pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons, namely: Ray Wood, Stanley Wood, Danny Wood, Roy Wood, Michael Wood, Clyde Wood, Wayne Fox and Larry Fox.



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B. MARY ELIZABETH BURCHER<sup>4</sup>, the second daughter of John Edward<sup>3</sup> (Ned) Burcher and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher, was born November 15, 1863. She was called "Lizzie". She married Hicker-son/Higgison Montgomery. (He was called "Hick") Their marriage was October 3, 1880. They lived in Seaford. Their children were:

- (A) Charles<sup>5</sup> Montgomer born Sept. 30, 1882; died Aug. 9, 1897
- (B) Harvey<sup>5</sup> W. Montgomery born December 8, 1890; died 1940
- (C) Ollie<sup>5</sup> Power Montgomery born Aug. 28, 1893; d. Nov. 7, 1969
- (D) Grady<sup>5</sup> Lee Montgomery born April 18, 1896

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Burcher Montgomery died September 22, 1942

C. ALICE F. BURCHER<sup>4</sup>, the third daughter of John Edward<sup>3</sup> (Ned) Burcher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher, was born January 8, 1867. She married Mack Sheldon Burcher, a cousin) February 188<sup>4</sup>~~5~~. They lived in a farm off Brick Church Road and at the York-Warwick lines, known as "Burcher's Farm". She died June 12, 1952; her husband died August 29, 1907 and they are buried at Grafton Christian Church Cemetery. They had one son: Clinton<sup>5</sup> Burcher.

CLINTON BURCHER<sup>5</sup> born September 19, 1890 married Fannie Wood December 19, 1914. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Wood and his wife Florida Burcher Wood. Their children are given:

- a. Annie<sup>6</sup> Burcher born September 18, 1915
- b. Clyde<sup>6</sup> E. Burcher born July 18, 1917
- c. Ethel<sup>6</sup> Burcher born February 8, 1921
- d. Mack<sup>6</sup> Burcher born \_\_\_\_\_

Fannie Wood Burcher, the mother of the above named children, was born February 28, 1892 and she died October 26, 1984.

a. ANNIE BURCHER<sup>6</sup>, born September 18, 1915, married Charles Wilson, a cousin. They had five children. They lived in  
*He was born Sept. 24, 1909 + died* *John N. M.*

b. <sup>6</sup>CLYDE E. BURCHER, born July 18, 1917, married first, Margaret Hansford. Their five children are given:

aa. <sup>7</sup>Alice Burcher born 1936, married Elmer Ferdinand <sup>8</sup>Crockett and they had two daughters: <sup>8</sup>Carol Sue Crockett and <sup>7</sup>Debra Ann Crockett. Alice Burcher Crockett married secondly, <sup>8</sup>Norman A. Sutphin Sr. and they had three children: <sup>8</sup>Teresa Lynn <sup>8</sup>Sutphin born 1962; Barbara Jean Sutphin born 1964; and Norman Allen Sutphin born 1966. She married thirdly \_\_\_\_\_ Melton and on April 16, 1977 after a few months of marriage, he murdered her and two of her children: Teresa Lynn Sutphin age 15 years and Norman Allen Sutphin age 11 years. They are buried in the Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.

bb. <sup>7</sup>Clyde Edward Burcher born July 15, 1940; married and lives in Grafton.

cc. <sup>7</sup>Mary Louise Burcher born 1941; married M.L. Wilson

dd. <sup>7</sup>Thomas Clinton Burcher born in 1943

ee. <sup>7</sup>Ethel Mae Burcher born 1945

Clyde E. Burcher Sr. married secondly, Fay McFall. He died December 18, 1969.

c. <sup>6</sup>ETHEL BURCHER, daughter of Clinton <sup>5</sup>E. Burcher and his wife Fannie Burcher, was born February 8, 1921. She married CHARLES Flory.

d. <sup>6</sup>MACK BURCHER, son of Clinton <sup>5</sup>E. Burcher and his wife Fannie Burcher, was born \_\_\_\_\_. He married and lives in Poquoson.

<sup>5</sup>Clinton E. Burcher died May 8, 1972 at age 81 years. He had eleven grandchildren. (Obituary)

D. <sup>4</sup>LAURA VIRGINIA BURCHER, the fourth daughter of John <sup>3</sup>Edward (Ned) Burcher (Edward <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Ironmonger, was born September 1, 1869. She married a cousin, Lewis E. Burcher February 20, 1886. (York Marriage Register, which also gives ages and parentage of both parties) He was born 1860 and was the son of William and Ann Burcher. They lived in Grafton village. They had three children:

(A) <sup>5</sup>Mattie Burcher born January 25, 1890

(B) <sup>5</sup>John Edward Burcher born June 19, 1897

(C) <sup>5</sup>Lilly Burcher born February 8, 1905

(A) <sup>5</sup>MATTIE BURCHER, born January 25, 1890 married William Peach. He died April 24, 1959 and she died January 13, 1961. They had no children.

(B) <sup>5</sup>JOHN EDWARD BURCHER born June 19, 1897 died March 7, 1946. He never married.

(C) <sup>5</sup>LILLY BURCHER born February 8, 1905, married Wyndham Kemp. She died August 10, 1951. She had no children.

<sup>4</sup>Laura Virginia Burcher died in 1940 and her husband Lewis Burcher died in 1916.

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E. <sup>4</sup>WILLIE LEE BURCHER, the fifth and youngest daughter of John <sup>3</sup>Edward Burcher (Edward <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher, was born September 5, 1873. She married a cousin Samuel Kerby Burcher December 10, 1891. He was born November 10, 1866. (tombstone) They lived on Oriana Road, across from Kentucky Farm. They had seven children:

(A) <sup>5</sup>Vaiden Wilton Burcher born December 24, 1893

(B) <sup>5</sup>Minnie Burcher born September 28, 1896



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(C) Rosalie Burcher born December 31, 1899  
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(D) Roy H. Burcher born March 21, 1902  
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(E) Ernest Burcher born September 14, 1905  
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(F) Mary Burcher born May 19, 1908  
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(G) Hazel Burcher born July 19, 1911

Samuel Kerby Burcher died July 29, 1920. Willie Lee Burcher married secondly Charles G. Tennant September 30, 1923. He died February 10, 1942 and she died April 10, 1944.

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(A) VAIDEN WILTON BURCHER born November 24, 1893, married Emma Gladys \_\_\_\_\_ and they lived in Gloucester. He was a veteran of World War I.. They had four children:

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a. Kerby Lee Burcher of Gloucester  
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b. Wilton T. Burcher of Cobbs Creek  
6  
c. Charles H. Burcher of Newport News  
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d. Minnie Burcher who married Mr. Sellers of Gloucester and secondly, Mr. Norris of Weems.

Emma Gladys Burcher died August 26, 1986 at age 76 years and she was buried at Dutton in Gloucester. Vaiden Burcher died \_\_\_\_\_

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(B) MINNIE BURCHER, daughter of Willie Lee Burcher (John Edward, Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born September 28, 1896. She married Robert Olsen April 3, 1916. She died January 17, 1922. (Tuberculosis)

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(C) ROSALIE BURCHER, daughter of Willie Lee Burcher and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born December 31, 1899. She married Jesse Todd May 7, 1817 <sup>5</sup> *?*

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(D) ROY H. BURCHER, son of Willie Lee Burcher and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born March 20, 1902. He married and had a family. *He was survived by 2 daughters: Mrs Alice Lee Hale & Mrs Jacqueline Harris both of Newport News; 2 sons: Roy H. Burcher Jr and Bland W. Burcher of Newport News and a sister Mrs Hazel Hale of Hampton. 12 grand children, 10 great grandchildren & a great-great grandchild. member of Antioch Assembly Church of God - Buried Peninsula Memorial Park (Woods Pass driveway)*

(E) <sup>5</sup>ERNEST BURCHER, son of Willie Lee Burcher and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born September 14, 1905. He died unmarried.

(F) <sup>5</sup>MARY BURCHER, daughter of Willie Lee Burcher and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born May 19, 1908. She married Marvin Morgan.

(G) <sup>5</sup>HAZEL BURCHER, youngest child of Willie Lee Burcher and her husband Samuel K. Burcher, was born July 19, 1911. She married E.T.Holt.

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<sup>4</sup>F. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BURCHER, only son of John Edward <sup>4</sup>(Ned) Burcher and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher, was born May 1, 1876 and he died March 31, 1878.

The information for the descendants of JOHN EDWARD BURCHER and his wife Mary Ironmonger is taken from Ironmonger Up-dated A Family History by Elizabeth H. Ironmonger. (My mother).

Frederick<sup>3</sup> P. Burcher (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 1840-42

m. 1st. Frances Powell

2nd. Amanda Hogge

1. Florida <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1869 m. _____ Wood	2. Edward <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1870	3. Signora <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1872-3 m. Thomas Wood	4. Frank <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1875	5. Fred <sup>4</sup> P. Burcher b. 1877
6. Washington <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1879	7. George <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1880	8. Mamie <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1882 m. Rob Wilson	9. Nettie <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. 1885 m. Rob Provoo	10. Annie <sup>4</sup> Burcher b. _____ m. George Morris



(4) <sup>3</sup>FREDERICK BURCHER, son of Edward <sup>2</sup>(William <sup>1</sup>) Burcher and his wife Frances Burcher, was born 1840-42 (1850 & 1870 census). He married Frances Powell February 14, 1867. This marriage record in York County states his parentage as given above and her parents were Edward and Martha Powell.

Frances Powell Burcher was born 1843 according to her marriage record and also the 1840 census.

The family lived in that same area between Oriana Road and Surrender Road and Warwick Court House (Denbigh). There were narrow roads and long lanes that branched from those roads and from Rich Neck Road to a cluster of farms and several family homesteads namely: Burcher, Wood, Provoo, Powell, Fox among others. When the Newport News Waterworks bought up these farms and wood lands for the watershed for the reservoir, these families relocated elsewhere and some of the rural roads were abandoned.

Frances Powell Burcher died leaving seven children and Frederick Burcher married secondly, Amanda Hogge August 14, 1879. (York Marriage Record) She was a daughter of Edward and Clarentine Clark Hogge. Four more children were born.

This was the second intermarriage with children of Edward and Clarentine Clark Hogge. (See p. 25) The Hogge family lived in the vicinity of the present York High School which was once designated as "Hogge's Field". There was a narrow road from the York-Hampton Highway that passed through "Hogge's Field" and lead to Warwick County and the community of farms where the Burchers lived. So, there was a close association among these people, hence intermarriages.

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Children of Frederick Burcher by his two wives are given:

- A. Florida Burcher born March 28, 1868
- B. Edward Burcher born July or August 1870
- C. Signora Burcher born 1872-3
- D. Sydney Frank Burcher born 1875
- E. Frederick Powell Burcher born 1877
- F. Washington Burcher born February 1879
- G. George Burcher born May 12, 1880
- H. Mary (Mamie) Frances Burcher born November 20, 1882
- I. Nettie Burcher born October 19, 1886
- J. Annie Burcher born \_\_\_\_\_

Amanda Hogge Burcher was born 1857. (census)

A. FLORIDA BURCHER, daughter of Frederick Burcher and his first wife Frances Powell Burcher, was born March 28, 1868. (Her tombstone) She married Nathaniel Wood March 30, 1886. (York Marriage Register and parentage for the parties is also recorded) He was the son of Robert and Mary Wood and he was born 1865. They lived in Grafton village. They had <sup>three</sup> ~~two~~ children:

(A) James Wood born 1890

(B) Fannie Wood born February 28, 1892

(C) *And " 1887*

Florida Burcher Wood died February 4, 1935. (Tombstone)

(A) JAMES WOOD, born 1890, married first Bette Wood, daughter of Simon and Willy J. Wood. He married secondly, Bertha White Hansford, daughter of Mordecai and Alice White of Seaford. By this last marriage he had a daughter, MARION WOOD.

James Wood was employed by the State Highway Commission and was involved in road maintenance in York County. He died March 27, 1982 at age 92 years, (Obituary)





Signora Wood died September 10, 1940. (Obituary)

<sup>5</sup>  
(A) ZACK T. WOOD was living in 1940 but was deceased by 1963. (Sister's obituary)

<sup>5</sup>  
(B) JEANNETTE WOOD born November 7, 1893; married Joseph Hudgins and they lived on Wolf Trap Road in Grafton. She died January 1, 1963 and was survived by five sons and two daughters, one daughter <sup>6</sup>Lorene Hudgins having pre-deceased her. <sup>6</sup>Lorene Hudgins, born July 18, 1918; died November 8, 1956. She married

*Delores Riggins*  
*Donna Riggins*  
*Alan Riggins*  
Otis Riggins and had <sup>3</sup>several children. Given are her other children:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. George D. <sup>6</sup>Hudgins

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Floyd A. Hudgins

<sup>6</sup>  
c. Joseph J. Hudgins all three of Grafton

<sup>6</sup>  
d. W.T. Hudgins *Remond Road*

<sup>6</sup>  
e. Edward C. Hudgins born 1921; d. Jan. 10. 1966 age 45 yrs. *He married Mary R.*

<sup>6</sup>  
f. Mary Hudgins Bowman

<sup>6</sup>  
g. Edna Hudgins Hansford *Booker* both of Grafton

She had 21 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. (Obit.)

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) JOSEPH WOOD was deceased before 1963

*Sidney*  
<sup>5</sup>  
(D) SYDNEY C. WOOD born December 27, 1903, died August 17, 1983. He married first Bessie <sup>va</sup>Wood, daughter of Fred and Ellen Wood. (p. 31) She died and he married 2ndly Loraine McDowell, a widow. By his first marriage he had:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Audrey Wood who married <sup>Mr.</sup>Edward Fox

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Frances Wood who married Ned Rash

<sup>6</sup>  
c. Roy Wood *Mr. Janice P. Wood*  
*2nd Edith Louise Lawson*

<sup>5</sup>  
(E) BENJAMIN M. WOOD born 1906, married Alice Hansford of Seaford in 1929. *Bessie* She died February 10, 1974. They had:

- a. Shirley Wood born September 1931; married <sup>6</sup> Lemons
- b. Mary Ann Wood born August 15, 1933; married George Gross
- c. Rose Marie Wood born April 23, 1937<sup>6</sup> married <sup>d. Oct 4, 1987</sup> George Winder
- d. Betty Wood born July 12, 1940; married <sup>6</sup> Freeman
- e. Virginia Ray Wood born Dec. 10, 1941 ; mar. <sup>6</sup> Howard Abdill

Benjamin M. Wood died June 1, 1987 aged 81 years. This family is buried in Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.

<sup>5</sup> (F) JESSIE GRADY WOOD born August 4, 1908; married Mildred White, daughter of Mordecai and Alice White of Seaford. He died November 5, 1942 and he is buried in the cemetery of Zion United Methodist Church in Seaford. They had four sons:

- a. <sup>6</sup> Jessie Grady Wood who married Anna Jane Hansford
- b. Floyd Thomas Wood <sup>6</sup> (single)
- c. Robert White Wood <sup>6</sup>
- d. Richard Norman Wood <sup>6</sup> (gone. Mother's friend)

<sup>5</sup> (G) ERNEST WOOD born \_\_\_\_\_ resided in Maryland according to his mother's obituary.

<sup>4</sup> D. SYDNEY FRANK BURCHER, fourth child and second son of <sup>3</sup> Frederick Burcher (Edward, William) and his first wife Frances Powell Burcher, was born 1874. He died 1948. No research has been done on him.

<sup>4</sup> E. FREDERICK POWELL BURCHER, son of Frederick Burcher (Edward, William) and his first wife Frances Powell Burcher, was born 1877. (census and also marriage record in York County) He married Carrie DeAlba December 26, 1907 and they lived in Newport News. She was born 1887 and she was a daughter of Thomas

DeAlba and his wife Ann Delila Wood DeAlba. The DeAlba family lived at Harris Grove on the York Hampton Highway and was a neighbor to the people over near the York-Warwick boundary line.

Their children were:

- <sup>5</sup>  
(A) Helen Burcher  
(B) Frederick P. Burcher

(A) <sup>5</sup>HELEN BURCHER born \_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ Barton and they reside in California.

(B) <sup>5</sup>FREDERICK P. BURCHER, (Buster), born 1913; died June 14, 1964 at age 51 years. He married Mattiel \_\_\_\_\_ and they had two children:

- <sup>6</sup>  
a. Joan Lee Burcher  
b. Mrs. Richard Scruggs

Fred Burcher Jr., called "Buster" had a grandchild to survive him also. (obituary). Carrie DeAlba Burcher died July 9, 1965. These Burchers are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Newport News, Va.

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<sup>4</sup>  
F. WASHINGTON BURCHER, son of Frederick <sup>3</sup>Burcher and his first wife Frances Powell Burcher, was born February 1879. His mother died soon after in 1879. He was not among the survivors in his sister's obituary in 1940.

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<sup>4</sup>  
G. GEORGE W. BURCHER, son of Frederick <sup>3</sup>Burcher and his second wife Amanda Hogge Burcher, was born May 12, 1880. He married Willie Marshall Davis Graves, daughter of Columbus Davis and his wife Georgianna Dudley David. They lived in Seaford a long time but later moved to Newport News. They had three children:



- (A) Georgie Frances Burcher<sup>5</sup>  
 (B) Mary Madeline Burcher<sup>5</sup>  
 (C) Charles Burcher<sup>5</sup>

(A) GEORGIE FRANCES BURCHER<sup>5</sup> married first Linwood Hogg, son of F. Lee Hogg and Lucy Acre Hogg, November 11, 1922 and they had one son, DOUGLAS HOGG<sup>6</sup>, born July 13, 1924. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor's Degree and later earned his Master's Degree from the University of Richmond. Linwood Hogg died in 1944 and Georgie Burcher Hogg married 2ndly Randolph Lee Livesay. (Mr. Livesay died August 6, 1977)

(B) MARY MADELINE BURCHER<sup>5</sup> married Leslie Hearn and they had a daughter Charlotte Hearn.<sup>6</sup>

(C) CHARLES BURCHER<sup>5</sup> married and had four sons. They live in Hampton.

Willie Davis Burcher, born November 1880; died August 7, 1936. George Burcher married secondly, Elizabeth Hansford Wood, widow of Robert Wood who died June 2, 1925. She died June 29, 1949 and she is interred beside her first husband in Grafton Christian Church Cemetery. George Burcher died September 15, 1961 and he and his first wife are buried in Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Seaford.

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H. MARY FRANCES BURCHER<sup>4</sup>, daughter of Frederick Burcher<sup>3</sup> (Edward<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his second wife Amanda Hogge Burcher, was born November 20, 1882. (tombstone) She married Robert W. Wilson. She was called "Mamie". They lived on a farm off Brick Church Road (present Denbigh Boulevard). Robert W. Wilson was the son of James and Virginia Wilson and he was born July 4, 1875 and died

September 9, 1940. She died November 12, 1958. They had seven children:

<sup>5</sup>  
(A) Joseph Wilson

<sup>5</sup>  
(B) Linwood Wilson

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) Charles Wilson *b. Sept. 26, 1909*

<sup>5</sup>  
(D) Annie Wilson

<sup>6</sup>  
(E) George Wilson

<sup>6</sup>  
(F) Louise Wilson

<sup>6</sup>  
(G) Lilly Wilson

<sup>5</sup>  
(A) JOSEPH WILSON married but he had no children. He served in World War II. He died May 6, 1966

<sup>6</sup>  
(B) LINWOOD WILSON married *Lena Burcher* and had one daughter, He died *Sept 26, 1909*

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) CHARLES WILSON married Annie Burcher, daughter of Clinton Burcher and they had five children. Charles Wilson died a relatively young man *Jan. 19, 1954*. They lived in Grafton.

<sup>5</sup>  
(D) ANNIE WILSON born 1907, died in 1961 at age 54 years. Ahe married Kellam and had two children:

a. Mrs. Charles E. Croyle of Annadale

b. Mrs. Leonard B. Murray of Huntsville, Ala. (obituary)

<sup>5</sup>  
(E) GEORGE WILSON married Alice Topping and they lived in Seaford. They had two sons. George Wilson died June 18, 1974 and Alice Wilson died January 23, 1987 at age 64 years. They are buried in Parklawn Cemetery, Hampton.

<sup>5</sup>  
(F) LOUISE WILSON married Herman Montgomery and they lived in Seaford. They had no children. Following her father's death, her mother lived with her.





<sup>2</sup>  
EDWARD BURCHER, son of William <sup>1</sup>Burcher and his wife Elizabeth Burcher, had two daughters in addition to the four sons whose lines have just been traced. These were:

(5) <sup>3</sup>ANN E. BURCHER born 1842. (1850 census) By the next census she could have been married. She was not in a Burcher household. Nothing more is known about her.

(6) <sup>M</sup>ELELINE <sup>3</sup>BURCHER born 1849, was living in the home of a brother, James G. Burcher in 1880. She was still unmarried then.

This concludes the known information on the descendants  
of Edward <sup>2</sup>Burcher, son of William <sup>1</sup>Burcher of Warwick County,  
Virginia.

Lewis<sup>2</sup> E. Burcher (William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 1810-11 (1870 and 1860 census)

m. Mary Susan \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1813-16

(1860 & 1870 census)

he died before 1880 census

she was living with son Mack in 1880

married by 1834

1. Miles<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1835

2. William<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1838

*married Ann*

3. Robert<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1839  
*1840*

4. Samuel<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1845

5. Lucy<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1847

*Lewis<sup>4</sup> Willie J. (female)*

6. Lewis<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1850

*no issue*

7. Mack<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1852

8. James<sup>3</sup> H.  
Burcher  
b. 1854

9. Ellen<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1856

PART III. WARWICK COUNTY BURCHERS (Continued)

<sup>1</sup>  
WILLIAM BURCHER of Warwick County, Virginia and his wife Elizabeth Burcher also had other children, namely:

5. A son \_\_\_\_\_ born 1803-4 (no information)

<sup>2</sup>  
6. JAMES BURCHER born 1806 (no information)

<sup>2</sup>  
7. ELIZABETH BURCHER born 1808, was still living in 1840

and was unmarried.

<sup>2</sup>  
8. LEWIS BURCHER born 1810-11 (census) married Susan \_\_\_\_\_ around 1834. She was born 1813-1816. ( 1860 and 1870 census) They lived in Warwick County but worshipped in York County at Grafton Christian Church. He was baptized there June 1841 and Susan Burcher was baptized May 23, 1841. He also had land in York County and he sold a parcel to F.B.Power December 18, 1843. Their children are given:

<sup>3</sup>  
(1) Miles Burcher born November 11, 1835 (tombstone)

<sup>3</sup>  
(2) William Burcher born 1838

<sup>3</sup>  
(3) Robert Burcher born 1840

<sup>3</sup>  
(4) Samuel Burcher born 1845

<sup>3</sup>  
(5) Lucy A. Burcher born 1847

<sup>3</sup>  
(6) Lewis Burcher born 1850

<sup>3</sup>  
(7) Mack Sheldon Burcher 1853

<sup>3</sup>  
(8) James H. Burcher born 1854

<sup>3</sup>  
(9) Ellen Burcher born 1856. (Births from 1860 and 1870 census for Warwick County)



(1) <sup>3</sup>MILES <sup>2</sup>BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, son of Lewis Burcher (William ) and his wife Susan Burcher, was born November 11, 1835. He married Mary (Mollie) E. Charles , daughter of William H. Charles and Ann Lindsay Charles. She was born December 6, 1834 (tombstone) ~~He~~ owned a 25 acre farm in the Dare, York County area but sold this in 1860 to Kemp Charles. They later lived near the other Burchers in Warwick County but their homesite was situated in York County on Oriana Road. The deed describes it as "bounded on the east by Chidley Wade". That would have been the Pescud-McWilliams farm, later known as "Wade's Farm". On the south and west were main roads. (These would be Oriana and Brick Church Roads). On the north a son Charles L. Burcher had his 75 acre farm and Miles Burcher and this son, Charles Burcher bought the land from Bartlett and Tabb, trustees and had it partitioned in equal portions. (York Deed Book No. 22 p. 554)

Later Miles Burcher held another piece of land across the road and it was there that he later resided. Afterwards another son, Edward Burcher took up residence there until, late in his life, he sold out and moved to the Grafton village. Today the house is still occupied.

(All information on this line is taken from Some Lindsays of Virginia compiled by Elizabeth Lindsay Hogg Ironmonger, my mother. T.H.) It has been condensed here.

<sup>3</sup>Issue of Miles and Mollie Burcher:

- <sup>4</sup>A. Charles Lewis Burcher born November 13, 1860
- <sup>4</sup>B. Lee Anna Burcher born February 14, 1864
- <sup>4</sup>C. Samuel Kerby Burcher born November 10, 1866
- <sup>4</sup>D. Belle Burcher born ca. 1867
- <sup>4</sup>E. Mary Susan Burcher born October 31, 1868

<sup>4</sup>  
(F) Peter Burcher born September 2, 1870

<sup>4</sup>  
(G) Miles Edward Burcher born July 28, 1872

<sup>4</sup>  
(H) Amanda Burcher born November 27, 1873

<sup>4</sup>  
(I) Loftus L. Burcher born October 15, 1877

Mary (Mollie) Charles Burcher died April 30, 1905 and Miles Burcher died November 26, 1907. They are buried at Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.

(Because of this Lindsay-Charles intermarriage with Burcher, my family always called these people "Cousin".

<sup>4</sup>  
A. CHARLES LEWIS BURCHER, <sup>3</sup>oldest child of Miles Burcher  
<sup>2</sup>(Lewis, <sup>1</sup>William) and his wife Mollie Charles Burcher, was born November 13, 1860. He married Sarah Ray December 16, 1880. They had a large farm adjoining the Dr. Power Plantation, on Brick Church Road. Across from them was the east side of Kentucky Farm (once the Samuel Sheild farm). When the waterworks were built all of those farms and woods were converted into the watershed and the families had to relocate their homes. "Cousin Charlie" and "Cousin Sallie" and family moved to a farm on Patrick's Creek in Dare section of York County.

<sup>4</sup>  
Charles Lewis Burcher and his wife Sarwh Ray Burcher had:

<sup>5</sup>  
(A) Carrie Burcher born December 7, 1881

<sup>5</sup>  
(B) Mary Dedman Burcher born December 31, 1882

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) Lemen Cosby Burcher born February 11, 1885

<sup>5</sup>  
(D) Charles Francis Burcher born November 13, 1886

<sup>5</sup>  
(E) Nannie Belle Burcher born September 28, 1888

<sup>5</sup>  
(F) Neva Lee Burcher born August 19, 1890

<sup>5</sup>  
(H) Howard Ray Burcher born February 11, 1894

<sup>5</sup>  
(I) Miles Cary Burcher born January 28, 1896

<sup>5</sup>  
(J) John Thomas Burcher born March 31, 1897

<sup>5</sup>  
(K) Linwood Irvin Burcher born September 25, 1899 \*

\* (From Lindsay by E. Ironmonger)

<sup>5</sup>  
(A) CARRIE BURCHER <sup>5</sup> born December 7, 1881; died June 17, 1882

<sup>5</sup>  
(B) MARY DEDMAN BURCHER, born December 31, 1882, called "Mamie", married Frank G. Crandol. They lived on Big Bethel Road in Elizabeth City County, now Hampton. (She attended Farmville State Teachers' College and was one of my mother's teachers.)

They had two children:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Charles Tilford Crandol, who married Louise Yeates. After her death, he married Lorraine Smith of Poquoson and they had two children:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Frank Crandol

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Mary Crandol

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Eleanor Crandol, who married Ronald Weade and they had two children:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Roanld Weade Jr.

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Betty Weade

Mary (Mamie) Burcher Crandol died in 1966 and her husband, Frank Crandol died December 8, 1942.

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<sup>5</sup> <sup>4</sup>  
(C) LEVEN COSBY BURCHER, oldest son of Charles Lewis Burcher (<sup>3</sup>Miles, <sup>2</sup>Lewis, William) and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born February 11, 1885. He married Mary Custis Ironmonger, daughter of Lemuel and Susanna Ironmonger, January 2, 1911.

Given are their children:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Mildred Burcher, born August 15, 1912. She married Arthur Ribble in 1936 and they live in Norfolk. They have no issue.



<sup>6</sup>  
b. Cosby Burcher born February 15, 1915, married in 1975.

<sup>6</sup>  
c. Neva Vera Burcher, born January 8, 1919, married Thomas Brooks November 3, 1951. He died November 1985. They had no children. She is a retired School Teacher; is very active in Church and patriotic organizations and is currently serving as Regent of Comte de Grasse Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

<sup>6</sup>  
d. Lemuel Manning Burcher born December 6, 1921, married Anne Lee Doughtry October 20, 1951. They have two children:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Charles Manning Burcher born August 15, 1956

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Mary Ruth Burcher born July 29, 1962

<sup>6</sup>  
e. Carolyn Burcher born December 10, 1924, married James Brooks December 5, 1942. Their children are:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. David Russell Brooks born March 25, 1944

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Bonnie Lee Brooks born June 11, 1957

Mary Ironmonger Burcher died April 18, 1947; Leven Burcher died \_\_\_\_\_

Leven Burcher and some of his children established homes on Burcher Road, off Dare Road, near Grafton.

(See Ironmonger and Connections by Elizabeth H. Ironmonger for more details on this family.)

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<sup>5</sup>  
(D) CHARLES FRANCIS BURCHER, second son of <sup>4</sup>Charles <sup>3</sup>Lewis <sup>2</sup>Burcher (Miles, Lewis, William) and his wife <sup>1</sup>Sarah Ray Burcher, was born November 14, 1886. He married Effie Kellam in 1901.

They reared two children:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Ruby Burcher born in 1904; married Wayne Stanton and they had two daughters:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Madeline Stanton who married B. Braxton Watkins of

Poquoson. They had four children: Carol. Sallie. Billy, and Susan Watkins. Madeline Stanton Watkins died a relatively young woman.

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Helen Stanton married Jack Thurston and she had two sons: Richard Thurston and Charles Thurston.

<sup>6</sup>  
Ruby Burcher Stanton married secondly, \_\_\_\_\_ Covington and her third husband was Edward Barnes. She died March 14, 1959 at age 52 years and was buried in the cemetery of Grafton Christian Church.

Charlie and Effie Burcher lived in Dare Road and their home site has been incorporated into the Brandywine Housing Development.

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Charles Ray Burcher born July 31, 1913, married Estelle Parker, daughter of William W. and Mamie Dawson Parker, August 2, 1930. They live in Seaford. Their four daughters are:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Betty Ray Burcher, married to Charles Fox and they have three children.

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Nancy Burcher married to George Graves and they have two children. They live in Pennsylvania.

<sup>7</sup>  
cc. Patricia Ann Burcher married first Dennis Shields and they had a daughter Denese Shields. She married secondly, Lt. Col. David Thurlow. She is a registered nurse.

<sup>7</sup>  
dd. Kay Burcher married to Wallace Robinson and they have two children.

Charles Francis Burcher died October 21, 1958.

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<sup>5</sup>  
(E) NANNIE BELLE BURCHER, <sup>4</sup> fifth child of Charles Lewis Burcher (<sup>3</sup> Miles, <sup>2</sup> Lewis, <sup>1</sup> William) and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born September 28, 1888. She married Dr. Peter White of Poquoson April 10, 1916. They had one child: <sup>6</sup> Dr. Stanley Wise White born in 1918. He married Loraine Harris September 7, 1941 and they had four children. Dr. Stanley White was fatally injured in an

automobile August 1, 1955.

Nannie Burcher White died December 26, 1938.

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(F) <sup>5</sup>NEVA LEE BURCHER <sup>4</sup>the sixth child of Charles Lewis Burcher and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born August 19, 1890. She married first, Stanley Wornon. He died and she married George Buchanon. They had no children. She died March 1936.

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(G) <sup>5</sup>SARAH ELIZABETH BURCHER, a twin to Neva Lee Burcher, and born August 19, 1890 died an infant.

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(H) <sup>5</sup>HOWARD RAY BURCHER <sup>4</sup>, son of Charles Lewis Burcher (<sup>3</sup>Miles, <sup>2</sup>Lewis, <sup>1</sup>William) and Sarah Ray Burcher, was born February 11, 1894. He married Alleyne Gwynn February 11, 1923. She taught school many years in York County and served as a Principal much of that time. They had four children:

<sup>6</sup>aa. Frances Marie Burcher born January 17, 1929; died an infant

<sup>6</sup>b. Howard Thomas Burcher born April 29, 1930; he married Mae Hockett in 1953 and they had a daughter. Howard T. Burcher died December 8, 1980

<sup>6</sup>c. Ray M. Burcher born August 23, 1932; married Dorothy Holloway from Poquoson. They had three sons: <sup>2</sup>

<sup>7</sup>aa. Ray M. Burcher Jr

<sup>7</sup>bb. Anthony Wayne Burcher

<sup>7</sup>cc. Wendy Burcher

Howard Ray Burcher died Nov. 21, 1976 aged 82 years; Alleyne Burcher died January 27, 1981 at age 83 years.



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d. Linwood Gwynn Burcher<sup>6</sup>, born October 17, 1933, married Doris Riggins of Grafton. They have one daughter. Doris Burcher has served as secretary to the Principals of York and Tabb High Schools. She is a grand-daughter of Jeanette Wood Hudgins. (p.40)

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(I) MILES CARY BURCHER<sup>5</sup>, son of Charles Lewis Burcher<sup>4</sup>  
(Miles<sup>3</sup>, Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born January 28, 1896. He married Peachy Gregory from Halifax. They had no children. He was a public school teacher.

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(J) JOHN THOMAS BURCHER<sup>5</sup>, son of Charles Lewis Burcher<sup>4</sup> and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born March 31, 1897. He married Emma Presson. They adopted her niece Frances Presson Burcher. John Burcher died June 28, 1973.

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(K) LINWOOD IRVIN BURCHER<sup>5</sup>, son of Charles Lewis Burcher<sup>4</sup>  
(Miles<sup>3</sup>, Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Sarah Ray Burcher, was born September 25, 1899. He married Mary Phillips from Poquoson. They had two children:

a. Cornell Burcher<sup>6</sup> who is active in civic affairs in Poquoson where this family lives.

b. a daughter who married \_\_\_\_\_Forrest and had children. He was drowned when the Sea Dog was lost off Hatteras.

Linwood Burcher was a banker in Poquoson. He died February 6, 1982.

<sup>4</sup>  
B. LEE ANN BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, second child of Miles Burcher  
(Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Charles Burcher, was born  
February 14, 1864. She married William S. Cox, who was born  
January 9, 1843 and died May 23, 1903. They had two children:

- (A) Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Sallie) Cox who married but died young. *> 1 dau. 2-26-20  
Virginia Lee  
Virginia*
- (B) George Cox<sup>5</sup> who never married.

Lee Ann Burcher Cox died December 15, 1935 and was buried in Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.

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<sup>4</sup>  
C. SAMUEL KERBY BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of Miles Burcher (Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Charles Burcher, was born November 10, 1866. He married a cousin, Willie Lee Burcher, daughter of John Edward (Ned) Burcher and his wife Mary Ironmonger Burcher. This line is developed elsewhere in this manuscript.

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<sup>4</sup>  
D. BELLE BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, second daughter of Miles Burcher (Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Charles Burcher, was born ca. 1867.

She married John E. Fox December 25, 1886. He was a son of Henry and Fannie Fox. They had ~~four~~ <sup>FIVE</sup> sons:

- (A) Frank Fox<sup>5</sup>
- (B) Floyd Fox<sup>5</sup> born August 24, 1890
- (C) Fitzhugh Fox<sup>5</sup>
- (D) Thomas Earl Fox<sup>5</sup> born 1902

*SON BORN 9-15-1886  
& LIVED 9 DAYS.  
REF. ARCHIVES IN  
RICHMOND AUG. 1994*

This family lived in Grafton and many of them are interred in the cemetery of Grafton Christian Church.

- (A) FRANK FOX<sup>5</sup> married Gertrude Morgan. Their two children are:
- a. Jack Fox<sup>6</sup> who married and had three children. He died a relatively young man.

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b. Audrey Fox who married Samuel Thomas and they had two children.

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(B) FLOYD FOX, born August 24, 1890, married Cora Lee Wood, daughter of Simon Wood and his wife Willy J. Burcher Wood, November 5, 1914. She was born January 11, 1897 and she died April 23, 1981 at age 84 years. (Obituary; tombstone) Floyd Fox died January 21, 1943. Their children are given:

6  
a. Mary Belle Fox who married Jack Royal and had two children:

7  
aa. Jack Royal Jr.

7  
bb. Virginia Lee Royal

Both of these are grown, married, and have families.

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b. Frances Fox married Leo Roach. She died June 2, 1982

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c. <sup>WILLIAM</sup> Edward Fox married Audrey Wood, a cousin. They have two sons:

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aa. <sup>WILLIAM</sup> Wayne Fox, who is in Public Education

7  
bb. Larry Fox

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d. Allen Fox married Evangeline Sparrer June 23, 1950 and they had three children:

7  
aa. Linda Fox born 1952

7  
bb. Marilee Fox born 1954

7  
cc. Timothy Fox born 1957

All of these are married. Allen Fox married secondly Carolyn White Hunt.

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e. Charles Fox (Chick) married Betty Ray Burcher, daughter of Charles Ray Burcher and Estelle Parker Burcher. They have:

7  
aa. Charles Thomas Fox <sup>JR.</sup> born 1954

7  
bb. Jerry Fox born 1960

cc. Betty Cheryl Fox born 1964. All are married.



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f. Grayson Fox married Barbara Lloyd. Their children are:

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aa. Kathy Fox(*CATHERINE ALAN*)

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bb. Debbie Fox(*DEBRA LEIGH*)

7  
cc. Eugene Fox(*GRAYSON EUGENE, JR.*)

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(C) FITZHUGH FOX married Vivian Langford, but they had no children. He died a young man.

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(D) THOMAS EARL FOX born 1902, married Eliza Ellen Belvin. They had two children:

6  
a. Catherine Fox

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b. Virginia Ray Fox

Thomas Earl Fox died June 17, 1981, aged 79 years. (Obituary)

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E. MARY SUSAN BURCHER, daughter of Miles (Lewis, Wil-  
1 liam ) Burcher and his wife Mary (Mollie) Charles Burcher, was born October 31, 1868. She was called "Sue". She married William Willis Wilson April 4, 1889. He was born March 10, 1865 and was killed by a train December 6, 1920. He was a son of James W. and Virginia Wilson.

They had five children:

5  
(A) Edna Mae Wilson born February 11, 1891

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(B) Raymond Leslie Wilson born February 17, 1898

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(C) Molly Bell Wilson born May 9, 1901

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(D) Sarah Anne Wilson born May 30, 1903

5  
(E) Stanley Wilson born February 17, 1905

Mary Susan (Sue) Burcher Wilson died May 5, 1926 and she is buried at Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.

(A) EDNA MAE WILSON, born February 11, 1891, married Benjamin Watson December 9, 1907. He was a son of the Rev. Ben

Watson, a Methodist minister. The Watsons lived on present Showalter Road in Grafton. They had two daughters:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Lottie Watson who married Merritt Moore. Both died relatively young, leaving no children by this marriage. (Merritt Moore had a son by an earlier marriage.)

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Bertha Mae Watson married first, Charlie Crockett of Seaford and secondly, Conway Hudgins of Poquoson. Her children are:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Everlyn Crockett born 1940; died 1943

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Elmore Crockett

<sup>7</sup>  
cc. Sylvia Hudgins

<sup>5</sup>  
(B) RAYMOND LESLIE WILSON born February 17, 1898, married Malissa Moore. They had three children:

<sup>6</sup>  
a. Dolores Wilson who married first, Elvin Wroten and secondly, Bruce Clarke. Her children are:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Brenda Wroten

bb. "Butch" Wroten

<sup>7</sup>  
cc. Bryan Wroten

<sup>6</sup>  
b. Stanley Merritt Wilson born December 6, 1933, married Norma Jean Perdue in 1955. They had two children:

<sup>7</sup>  
aa. Larry Wilson born October 8, 1956

<sup>7</sup>  
bb. Michael Wilson born December 5, 1965

Stanley Wilson was accidently killed when a building callapsed upon him March 21, 1984.

<sup>6</sup>  
c. Raymond Leslie Wilson born February 1, 1940.

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) MOLLY BELLE WILSON, born May 9, 1901; married Harry Taylor November 2, 1926. He died June 20, 1974. Their only child is Shirley Belle Taylor, born April 6, 1934, married to

Dwayne Saylor in 1967. They have a son.

(D) <sup>5</sup>SARAH ANNE WILSON born May 30, 1903, married Hayes Hogge<sup>6</sup> son of Kenny and Ilie Hornsby Hogge. Their only child is Catherine Hogge, who married Robert Bende<sup>6</sup> and they have three children. Sarah Wilson Hogge died May 20, 1983.

(E) <sup>5</sup>STANLEY WILSON, born February 17, 1905; married Helen<sup>6</sup> Klick and they had one daughter, Dorothy Louise Wilson, born April 1931. She married Richard Goad and had two children. Stanley Wilson died February 2, 1931.

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<sup>4</sup>F. PETER BURCHER<sup>3</sup> third son of Miles Burcher (Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Charles Burcher, was born September 2, 1870 and he died February 26, 1924. He married Ruth Martin March 8, 1896. She was born January 8, 1872 and died June 8, 1956.

They had two children:

(A) <sup>5</sup>Maud Burcher

(B) <sup>5</sup>Martin Burcher

(A) <sup>5</sup>MAUD BURCHER married Arthur Shields June 13, 1925. She died January 6, 1976 at age 70 years. (Obituary) No children survived.

(B) <sup>5</sup>MARTIN BURCHER married Virginia Joyner July 26, 1940.

They have two daughters:

a. <sup>6</sup>Betty Jo Burcher born January 31, 1944

b. <sup>6</sup>Rebecca Burcher born April 16, 1955

Burcher Road, off Dare Road in Grafton is named for this family and members have several homes in this development. (Ruth Martin Burcher married secondly John Sparrer, my grandmother's brother. I called her "Aunt Ruth". T.H.)





Consider now another son of Lewis Burcher, namely:

(2) <sup>3</sup>WILLIAM BURCHER<sup>2</sup>, second son of Lewis Burcher<sup>2</sup>  
(William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Susan Burcher, who was born 1838. Grafton Christian Church Register shows that he was baptized and became a member August 11, 1855. He married Ann \_\_\_\_\_. (Learned from the marriage records of their children) They had at least two children and possibly more. Known ones were:

A. Lewis<sup>4</sup> E. Burcher born 1860

B. Willie<sup>4</sup> J. Burcher born April 10, 1864

A. <sup>4</sup>LEWIS E. BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, son of William (Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Burcher and his wife Ann<sup>2</sup> Burcher, was born 1860. He married a cousin, Laura Burcher, daughter of John Edward (Ned) Burcher and Mary Ironmonger Burcher, February 20, 1886. (York Marriage Register) He died 1916. (Tombstone, Grafton Christian Church Cemetery.) For his descendants see p. 34)

B. <sup>4</sup>WILLIE J. BURCHER<sup>3</sup>, daughter of William (Lewis<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Burcher and his wife Ann Burcher, was born April 10, 1864. (Tombstone) She married Simon P. Wood December 26, 1886. (York Marriage Record) He was a son of Robert and Mary Wood and he operated a saw mill. He was born April 15, 1852 and he died December 16, 1920. (tombstone) Among their children were:

(A) <sup>5</sup>G. Floyd Wood<sup>6</sup> who married Belle Crockett of Seaford. They had two daughters: Christine Wood<sup>6</sup>, who married Linwood Goens, and Bethany Wood<sup>6</sup>.

(B) <sup>5</sup>Cora Lee Wood<sup>6</sup>, born January 11, 1897. She married Floyd Fox, a distant cousin, November 5, ~~1914~~<sup>1913</sup>. She died April 23, 1981. For her descendants see p. 56.

<sup>5</sup>  
(C) Laura Wood born  
was living in 1962.

<sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup>  
married Ernest Harris. She

<sup>5</sup>  
(D) Samuel Wood born married Eunice Dawson,  
daughter of ~~Baker~~ <sup>Baker</sup> Dawson. They had one daughter. He died  
while still a young man.

<sup>5</sup>  
(E) Bette Wood born 1902, married Andrew E. Holland.  
She died in 1962 at age 60 and was survived by a daughter,  
Mrs. Sam Rosso Jr. of Hampton and two grandchildren. (obituary)

<sup>5</sup>  
(F) Morris Edward Wood -born 1906, died January 3, 1967  
at age 61 years. He was survived by these children:

- <sup>6</sup>  
a. Charles E. Wood  
b. Mrs. Herbert O. May  
c. Mrs. Carl B. Baines

*Cecil*  
Mr. Simon Wood was married two times and had a son Jack Wood,  
who lived in Florida in 1962 when Bette Wood Holland died.

*Mrs. Michael of Baltimore was also a daughter.*



(3) <sup>3</sup>ROBERT BURCHER, <sup>2</sup>third son of Lewis Burcher (William <sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Susan Burcher, was born 1840. On March 11, 1854 he was baptized at Grafton Christian Church. In 1870, as a mature unmarried man, he still lived with his parents. By 1880 his father was deceased and his brother Mack Sheldon Burcher was listed as head of the household. Robert Burcher and his mother Mary Susan Burcher were residents of that home. So, he lived to be a middle age person, but with no descendants.

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(4) <sup>3</sup>SAMUEL BURCHER, <sup>2</sup>fourth son of Lewis Burcher and his wife Mary Susan Burcher, was born 1845. He appeared again in the census of 1860 as a lad aged 15 years, but was not in the 1870 census. Apparently he died as a youth. (He could have been in the Civil War and was a casualty.)

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(5) <sup>3</sup>LUCY A. BURCHER, <sup>2</sup>the daughter of Lewis Burcher (William <sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Susan Burcher, was born 1847. She was still living with her parents in 1860 but is not in the 1870 census with her father's family. She could have been married by then.

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(6) <sup>5</sup>LEWIS BURCHER, <sup>2</sup>son of Lewis Burcher and his wife Susan Burcher, was born 1850 (1860 census). In 1880 he was living in his brother's home, with his mother, and was age 30 years. He was unmarried. (Family # 4 in 1880)

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(7) <sup>5</sup>MACK SHELDON BURCHER, <sup>2</sup>son of Lewis Burcher and his wife Susan Burcher, was born August 13, 1852. He married a cousin <sup>4</sup>Alice Burcher, daughter of John Edward (Ned) Burcher and Mary

Ironmonger Burcher, February 24, 1884. (York Marriage Register)  
 They had one son, Clinton Burcher. This line is traced with  
 in this manuscript. Mack Burcher died August 29, 1907.

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(8) <sup>3</sup>JAMES H. BURCHER, the youngest son of Lewis<sup>2</sup>  
 Burcher (William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Susan Burcher, was born 1854.  
 He married a cousin, Eliza<sup>4</sup> Burcher, another daughter of John  
 Edward (Ned) Burcher and Mary Ironmonger Burcher, December 1,  
 1878. (York Marriage Register) They had two children whose  
 descent has been traced elsewhere in this manuscript.

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(9) <sup>3</sup>ELLEN BURCHER, the youngest child of Lewis<sup>2</sup>  
 Burcher (William<sup>1</sup>) and his wife Mary Susan Burcher, was born 1870.  
 Nothing more is known by this writer about her. She was not  
 living in her mother's home in 1880. She probably died in  
 childhood.

<sup>2</sup>  
 Lewis Burcher had died before the 1880 census and Susan  
 Burcher, his widow was living with son Mack Burcher then.

John<sup>2</sup> Burcher (William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 1815 (1860 census)

m. by 1845

Susan P. \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1825 (1880 census)

Both dead before 1880

1. Caroline<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher

b. 1847

2. George W.<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher

b. 1850

m. by 1877

Virginia

3. John E.<sup>3</sup>  
Burcher

b. 1853

m. Mary

b. 1858

4 Henry<sup>4</sup>  
Burcher

b. 1857

m. Dora

5. James W.<sup>4</sup>  
Burcher

b. 1861

m. 1885

Ellen Davis

Olive<sup>4</sup> Burcher  
(son)

John H.  
Burcher

6. Addia<sup>4</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1864

7 Sarah<sup>4</sup>  
Burcher  
b. 1867



Consider now the last known child of William Burcher of Warwick County, Virginia:

9. <sup>2</sup>JOHN BURCHER<sup>1</sup>, son of William Burcher and his wife Elizabeth Burcher, was born 1815-1817 (census varies). His wife was Sarah P., born 1823-25. (Maiden name is unknown but probably Powell or Patrick, noting the P. in her full name) They were married around 1845-46 and their children were:

- (1) <sup>3</sup>Caroline M. Burcher born 1847 (1850 census)
- (2) <sup>3</sup>George W. Burcher born 1849
- (3) <sup>3</sup>John E. Burcher born 1853
- (4) <sup>3</sup>Henry Burcher born 1857
- (5) <sup>3</sup>James W. Burcher born 1861
- (6) <sup>3</sup>Addia Burcher born 1864
- (7) <sup>3</sup>Sarah Burcher born 1867

Also living in the household was Martha A. Powell, age 11 years. One would speculate that she was a sister of Sarah P. Burcher.

The farm of John Burcher adjoined that of his brother <sup>2</sup>Edward Burcher (#40 family) as shown by the census enumerator. Other neighbors were #42 Edmund T. Powell; # 43 Lewis Burcher; # 44 Elizabeth Patrick; # 45 James Provoo etc..

Very little is known about this family because of scarcity of legal documents. However, continuing with the census records, this much is learned:

(1) <sup>3</sup>CAROLINE M. BURCHER<sup>2</sup>, daughter of John and Sarah Burcher, was born 1847 and she was still living in 1870 at age 13 years. She was the ~~third~~<sup>3</sup> wife of John Edward (Ned) Burcher whose second wife died December 9, 1881. She survived him. He sold the Seaford home and moved back to the Warwick-York area after this marriage. There were no children.

(2) <sup>3</sup>GEORGE W. BURCHER, son of John <sup>2</sup>Burcher (William <sup>1</sup>)

and his wife Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1849. He was still living in 1880 and resided in the Newport District of Warwick County. He had married Virginia \_\_\_\_\_, born 1847. In 1880 they had one child: <sup>4</sup>Olive Burcher born 1879. They may have had other children later.

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(3) <sup>3</sup>JOHN E. BURCHER, son of John <sup>2</sup>(William <sup>1</sup>) and Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1853. He was listed as a sailor in the census. (He evidently worked in the James River). His wife was Mary <sup>4</sup> who was born 1858 and by 1880 they had a son, namely: John H. Burcher, born 1879. They may have had other children later. They lived in Newport District of Warwick County.

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(4) <sup>3</sup>HENRY BURCHER, son of John <sup>2</sup>Burcher (William <sup>1</sup>) and his wife Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1857 and his wife was Dora. Her birthdate was 1862 and they were married by 1880 but had no children then.

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(5) <sup>3</sup>JAMES W. BURCHER, son of John <sup>2</sup>Burcher and Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1861 and he was living in his brother Henry's household in 1880 and was designated as his brother. On February 15, 1885 he married Ellen A. Davis, daughter of Seth and Ellen A. Davis of York County. (York Marriage Record)

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(6) <sup>3</sup>ADDIA BURCHER, daughter of John <sup>2</sup>Burcher and his wife Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1864.

(7) <sup>5</sup>SARAH BURCHER, daughter of John <sup>2</sup>Burcher and his wife Sarah P. Burcher, was born 1867. Both of these girls were

living with their brother Henry<sup>3</sup> Burcher and his wife Dora Burcher in 1880 and were classified as his sisters.

Both John<sup>2</sup> Burcher and his wife Sarah P. Burcher were deceased before the 1880 census. Their three youngest children were living with son Henry<sup>3</sup> Burcher and his wife Dora Burcher, They, too, lived in the Newport District of Warwick County. (Most of the other Burchers lived in the DENBIGN District of that county.)

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(10) Son<sup>2</sup> (name unknown)<sup>1</sup> of William Burcher and his wife Elizabeth Burcher, was born around 1818-1819. Evidently this child died for nothing in York or Warwick Counties available records is found relative to him.

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Conclusion: There are Burchers in Newport News (old Warwick County) who are not included in this manuscript because the needed evidence of kinship is lacking. Nor does this compiler know these people sufficiently well in order to write statements about them. They, themselves, may enjoy tracing their family genealogy. T.H.



NOT PLACED

Garnet Sheldon Burcher , age 81 when he died September 26, 1970 (so born 1889). He resided at Belford Road in Newport News. He was survived by his widow Lula M. Burcher. No other survivors were mentioned in the obituary.

(I remember Mr. Burcher because he sang on special occasions . I, myself, served for a time as organist at the Grafton Christian Church and I have heard his solo work at many funerals there. He was blind and always had an attendant with him.)

Another Burcher not placed but obviously very much a part of the Grafton Burchers was Grady Burcher who died at age 22 years in an automobile accident November 22, 1956. He is buried in the cemetery of Grafton Christian Church. At the time of this tragedy I was teaching at York High School and a number of students were openly grieved over the death of this young man.

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Another observation I have made is about the significance of the name Grady:

1. Grady Montgomery, a personal friend, was a son of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Burcher Montgomery and a grandson of Mr. John Edward (Ned) Burcher.

2. Jesse Grady Wood, was a son of Signora (Siggie) Burcher Wood and I knew him well.

3. Grady Allen Wood (son of Jesse Wood) naturally was named for his father. (He married my husband's niece)

4. Grady Burcher who died in 1956 at age 22 years

SHELDON seems to be another name that has special meaning to this family:

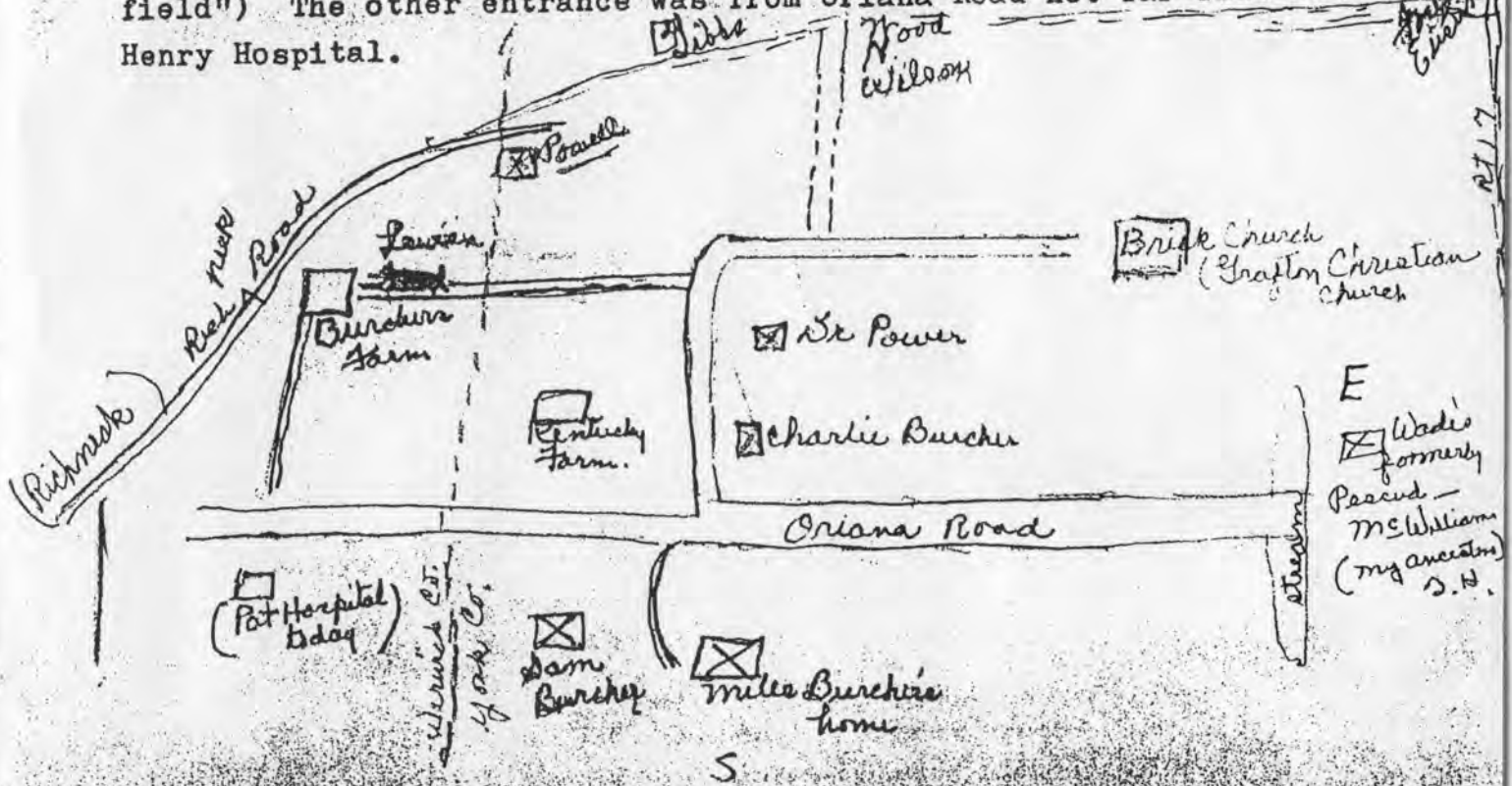
1. In the York branch of Burcher there was an Edward Burcher named as guardian of Sheldon Russell's children , February 20, 1837.

2. Mack Sheldon Burcher born 1852, was a son of Lewis<sup>2</sup> Burcher of Warwick, but he later lived in York.

3. Garnet Sheldon Burcher born 1889, lived in Warwick.



I have several vague memories of the Lewderick Burcher Farm ---well off the main Oriana Road. In fact, there were two long lanes leading to the farm and farm house. One was from the Brick Church Road, not far from Dr. Power's farm, where the main road turned sharply at nearly right angles. (I suppose the road went "around the field") The other entrance was from Oriana Road not far from Patrick Henry Hospital.



In the early 1920's, as a child, I accompanied my mother on a shopping trip to Newport News. Her brother, Judge W.E. Hogg, who was practicing law in Newport News at the time, was the driver of the car we were travelling in. Uncle Eddie had some business at Warwick Courthouse (Denbigh) and it became dark. We were driving a model T Ford automobile. Oriana Road (all the roads leading home) was a dirt road, dark and full of holes--so, to "save time", as was a common practice then, he turned his car off Oriana Road into Burcher's Farm lane in Warwick County and we proceeded down to the house. Through the barn yard, and out the lane leading to York County and Brick Church Road, we hastened at probably 20 or 25 miles an hour. I well remember the houses and people at the Burcher Farm for a few cordial words were exchanged by the adults as we passed through.



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Many years later a second event happened to me. All of the families living back in that area which had been converted into the "watershed" for the reservoir had moved away, as did the Burchers. But there remained a barn and some "out buildings".

I had a fifteen year old son who had learned to hunt and he was especially interested in hunting deer. Now, there was an abundance of green grass in the field around that old barn left on the farm site and deer from Warwick woods came to feed early in the day. My child would hide in the barn and wait and watch for deer. One day he really did bag one, and while it is considered wholesome food, I never enjoyed such meat.

On one occasion, my Bobby drove his dad's old panel truck to the Burcher land entrance and took his stand in the barn. The State Police, on routine rounds, saw this truck--unoccupied---parked off the highway and assumed that it was a stolen vehicle that had been abandoned. Using the license number, the Division of Motor Vehicles in Richmond was called and the ownership was determined.

Soon a State Policeman called me to report that my husband's panel truck had been found. I had to explain to him that a teenage boy was hunting up on the "Old Burcher Farm".

These two incidents did make lasting impressions on me and I still think about "Burcher's Farm". <sup>And now, ~~that~~ heavily travelled</sup> ~~Denbigh Boulevard~~ <sup>Strand</sup> and the housing developments (using any land that is not greatly needed for the watershed) are again converting that lovely land into residences. But those early County families: Burcher, Wilson, Provoo, Powell, Wood, Fox etc were displaced and forced to relocate, and they are now "scattered" everywhere.